



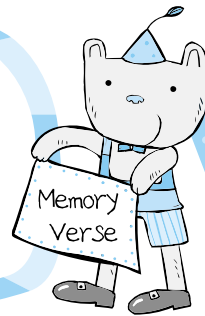
Jesus Who Called His Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22



As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Peter and his brother, Andrew, casting a net into the sea, Jesus said, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." As soon as they heard Jesus, they left their nets at once and followed Him. When Jesus continued his tread along the Sea of Galilee, James and his brother, John, were

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. (John 12:26)

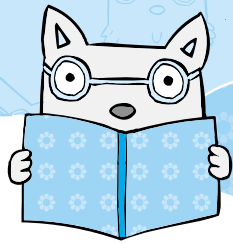


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repairing their nets with their father. When Jesus called them, they left the boat and their father to follow Jesus immediately.

Besides Peter, Andrew, James and John, Jesus also called Matthew, the tax collector, Philip, and others; a total of twelve disciples. They left everything and followed Jesus happily as soon as they heard Jesus saying, "Come, follow Me."





Today's Study

Disciples who Followed Jesus

1. Jesus said to Peter, Andrew, James and John,

"Come, follow Me."

How did they respond when they heard the calling of Jesus? ()

- ① Jesus, please wait a minute! May I follow you after I sell the fish I caught today?
- ② I enjoy fishing so I'd rather stay here than follow you.
- ③ Yes, I'll follow you.

2. Who did Peter, Andrew, James and John value the most? See the pictures below and write your answer.



3. What did Jesus want to do after He called Peter, Andrew, James and John as His disciples?



Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19)



Today's Lesson

Jesus Called Us, Too

? Read how Peter, who followed Jesus, lived in the world.



He followed Jesus merily when he heard Jesus' calling.



As Jesus had commanded him, he was diligent in preaching the Word of God to the people.



He was crucified upside-down on a cross while He was preaching the gospel.

? Peter followed Jesus at His calling and he did his best to preach the Word of God because he loved Jesus. As Jesus called His disciples, He also called us as His workers in Christ. Draw and write our futures below.

Among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ, (Romans 1:6)

Let's Find out



How did Jesus' disciples turn out in the end?

The disciples devoted their lives to preaching the gospel after they met Jesus. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and killed himself. All of His disciples, excluding John, suffered ***martyrdom**.

Peter	He was crucified upside-down while He was preaching the gospel to the Jews and gentiles.
James	He preached the gospel in Jerusalem and Judah, and he was killed by Herod Agrippa.
John	He preached the Word of God at several places in Asia Minor. He was freed after he was locked in Patmos Island. He lived the longest among the disciples and He recorded the last book of the New Testament, the book of The Revelation.
Andrew	He preached to Asia Minors, Scythians, and Greeks, and he was crucified on an X-shaped cross.
Philip	He suffered martyrdom while preaching in Turkey.
Bartholomew	He suffered martyrdom while preaching in Armenia.
Thomas	He suffered martyrdom while he was preaching in India.
Matthew	After he preached the gospel to the Jews and gentiles, he suffered martyrdom.
James	He preached to the Philistines and Egyptians, and suffered martyrdom.
Jude	He preached in Assyria and Persia, and eventually suffered martyrdom in Persia.
Simon	He was crucified on the cross.

*martyrdom: If someone suffers martyrdom, they are killed or made to suffer greatly because of their religious belief.

Parable



Main Job and side job

A mission organization recruited missionaries and they found a shoemaker in the list. Because they were recruiting trained pastors and evangelists, the shoemaker was thought to be ineligible.

So they directly asked him about his job during the interview.

“What is your job?”

“I am a Christian and I am preaching the gospel. For the expenses of this job, I am also repairing shoes. My main job is Christian and my side job is a shoemaker.”

Likewise, the main job of a Christian is to preach the gospel. The jobs such as office workers, merchants, housewives, and students are just side jobs.

Parents

Teacher