



“FOLLOWER OR DISCIPLE?”

John 6:1-13

John 6:1-3

¹ After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

John 6:4-6

⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

John 6:7-9

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"



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John 6:10

Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

John 6:11-12

¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."



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John 6:13

Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

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Follower or Disciple?

Follower – wrong motivation



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John 6:2

Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.



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Matthew 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Matthew 4:24

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.



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Matthew 4:25

Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan..



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Follower or Disciple?

Follower – wrong motivation

Disciple – right motivation



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John 6:3

And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

Matthew 16:24-25

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 16:26-27

²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.



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Disciples are Tested

John 6:5-6

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An OT example



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Genesis 22:1

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”



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Genesis 22:2

Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”



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Genesis 22:16

and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son —



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Genesis 22:17

blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.



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Disciples are Tested

An OT example

The biblical principle



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James 1:2-3

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.



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Disciples are Rewarded



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Disciples are Rewarded

Supplying current needs



“Follower or Disciple?”

John 6:11

And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.



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Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



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Supplying current needs

Supplying future needs



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John 6:13

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Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.



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Are you a follower or a disciple?