



FOLLOWING JESUS

A Series of Lessons on Discipleship



■ The Path of Discipleship

1. Disciples **leave** in order to **follow**.
2. Disciples follow in order to **learn**.
3. Disciples learn in order to **live like**.
4. Disciples live like to **live with** Him.

REQUIREMENTS

“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me”

Luke 9:23

- Desire to follow
- Deny yourself
- Take up your cross
- Then actually follow



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▪ Disciples **leave** to **follow** Jesus.

³⁵ Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He **walked**, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they **followed** Jesus.



DISCIPLES ARE FOLLOWERS

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Follow –

walk the same road

❑ accompany, attend, follow

❑ to cleave steadfastly to one, conform wholly to his example, in living and if need be in dying also (Thayers)



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Luke 5:11

When they had brought their boats to land, they **left everything** and **followed** Him.

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²⁷ After that He went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, “Follow Me.” ²⁸ And he **left everything** behind, and got up and *began* to **follow** Him.

FIRST DISCIPLES

Simon, Andrew, James & John: Luke 5:9-11; Matthew 4:221-22; Mark 1:20

Matthew: Luke 5:27-28; Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:14





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Luke 14:33

In the same way, any one of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be My disciple.

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- That which we cannot **leave** we serve as our **idol**.

Luke 18:22-23 The Young Rich Ruler

- ²² When Jesus heard this, He said to him, “One thing **you still lack**; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and **come, follow Me.**” ²³ But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.



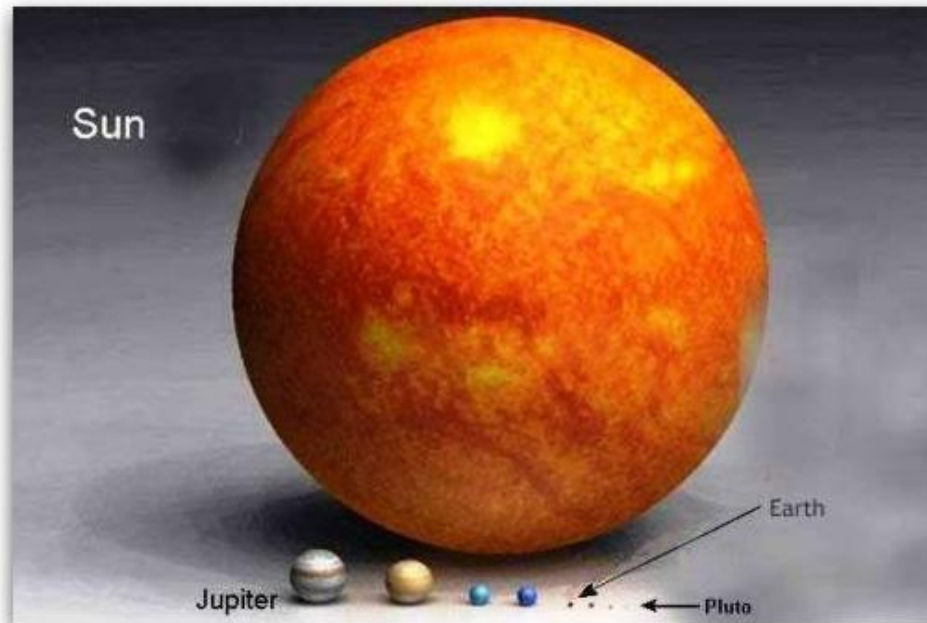
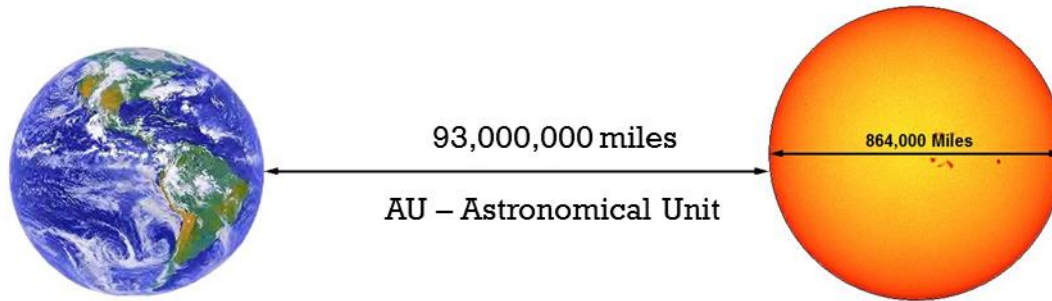
FUNCTIONAL IDOLS

When **good** things become god-like things we serve them as idols in our lives.





- Leaving is easier when we realize **who** we are following and where we are going.



JESUS CHRIST

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.

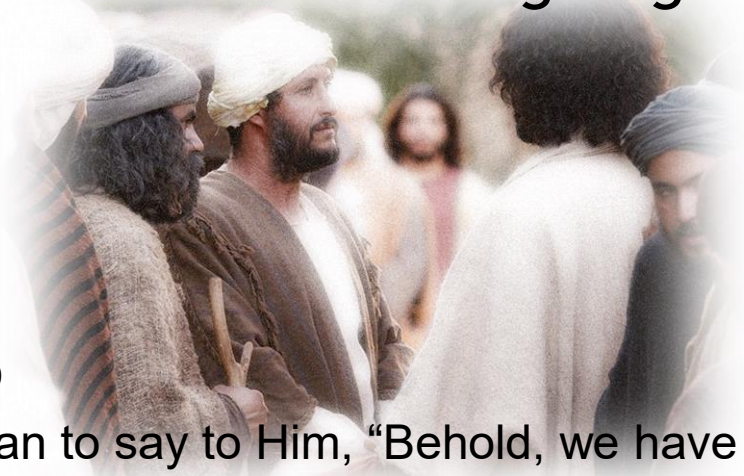
All things were created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:15, 16





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Mark 10:28-30

Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have **left everything** and followed You.” (...what then will there be for us?)

Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake, ³⁰ but that he will receive a **hundred times** as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with **persecutions**; and in the age to come, **eternal life**.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

John 17:4, 5





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