

FOLLOWING JESUS

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INTRO:

Jesus said to deny ourselves (living independent of God); take up our cross (submit to God's will); and follow Him (emulate His life).

Early Followers

- 1.) **ACTS 4:13** Peter and John were uneducated and untrained. They emulated Christ so much, the leaders at Jerusalem marveled and realized they had been with Jesus. **ACTS 4:8-13** It takes boldness to live in today's world as a Christian.
- 2.) **ACTS 17:6** Paul and Silas were world changers, just like Jesus. **ACTS 17:2-6** "Mad with jealousy, they rounded up a bunch of brawlers off the streets and soon had an ugly mob terrorizing the city as they hunted down Paul and Silas (MSG). **ACTS 17:10-15 NLT** From Thessalonica they went to Berea and many lives were changed. Paul then went to Athens.
- 3.) **1 PET. 2:11-12 NLT** Jesus said "Which one of you can prove me guilty of sin? Our behavior and conduct should show we're followers of Jesus.

Following Jesus

- 1.) Speech. **COL. 4:6 NLT** Jesus always spoke the word.
- 2.) Actions. **MT. 4:23** Jesus was selfless.
- 3.) Motives. **MT. 14:14** Jesus was compassionate.
- 4.) Ability. **ACTS 1:8** Jesus was empowered.
- 5.) Walk. **EPH 5:1-2** Jesus personified love.
- 6.) Stand. **EPH. 6:13** Jesus stood against all evil.
- 7.) Fight. **1 TIM. 6:12** Jesus lived by faith.