***SERMON NOTES***

**“Who is This Man?” A Study through the Gospel of Mark**

**“Follow Me”**

**Mark 1: 16-20**

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All of us follow some type of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. This authority determines how we think and how we live.

Mark wrote his gospel to answer specific questions about who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is, why He has come, and how He will accomplish salvation for His people.

When Jesus says, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” He is calling for real sacrifice, real alliance, and real self-denial.

Jesus makes it clear the call to believe the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one that requires you to commit yourself fully and totally to Him as Savior and the authority in your life.

For every believer, to “follow Christ” means to relinquish and deny all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to earthily authorities and instead submit to Jesus as Lord and authority of your life.

By the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, believers are enabled to forsake all previous authorities and life to and for Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an invitation to re-orient your life according to your understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for you.

To “follow Jesus” means you realize you are going the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ direction and then in that realization, turning and going toward Christ, pursuing Him, His word, His commands totally and fully.

“Following Jesus” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your broken relationship with God. A relationship that was severed by your sin is now reconciled by your belief in Christ’s work on your behalf.

“Following Jesus” is not about merely changing your outward behavior. Rather, it is an inner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ change given to you by the Holy Spirit.

“Following Jesus” does not mean being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or sinless but rather pursuing Christ, all that He is, and all that He commands.

The story of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life is one of continual pursuit and repentance as we daily “follow Christ”.

“Following Jesus” is for our good. He has come to save us from all our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ loves.

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| authority | Jesus | follow me | gospel | allegiance | grace and power |
| Repentance | wrong | restores | heart | perfect | Christian | lesser |