

John 21: 1-9, 12, 15-22

SUBJECT: Discipleship  
Following unto Death

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Discipleship

John's Gospel closes with Chapter 20.

In all the Gospels, Simon Peter's denial of the Lord is prominent. Peter has been dead 25-30 years; John <sup>in his old age</sup> writes as <sup>an apparently</sup> dedicated to his old friend, Simon.

The story: Peter, waiting in Galilee, returns to his old business (commission not given, Holy Spirit not come, no sign of new work ahead mission. just waiting.)

- : The disciples (7 including Peter) follow Peter.
- : The appearance of Jesus on the shore - <sup>Jesus to Peter</sup>
  - Jesus to Peter
  - Peter to the shore
- : The question, "more than this?" <sup>you don't see it in the love</sup>
  - In English, ambiguous, <sup>more than the other apostle</sup>
  - In Greek, only one construction, <sup>more than this thing.</sup>
  - With the sweep of his hand: <sup>you don't see more than you see</sup>
    - bread, braided, net, fish, etc.
    - miracle.
- : The call, "Then give them up, follow me"

I. A Giving Up.

So to the rich young ruler - the world is your heart. Give it up, leave  
 So to Saul of Tarsus. Had fourteen kids - give them? Give it up. Phil 3:7

So to us - a discipleship is always a giving up.

- what so many nominal Christians refuse to do  
 (a) <sup>James Cowley in Chis</sup>: diamond: "wattles": "work, work"

- giving up <sup>false pride</sup>  
<sup>personal ambition</sup>  
<sup>vain glory</sup>  
<sup>things that hurt, harm, deny</sup>  
<sup>minutes to self</sup>

II. A care for souls

"feed my lambs" ... "my sheep"  
(at the last "Oh, my, I want you with me & only")  
The true ending of the poem > "with the Master For the Time"  
> had walked by my side as my Lord

III. A following unto death  
21:19 unto crucifixion.

The mantle spirit is a remarkable thing.

- (a) Daniel. All had to do, close the windows for 30 days.
- (b) Three Hebrew children. " " " , born at sunset of the day of  
7. year - ... . Arrived before sunset. No course
- (c) Polyarp, Smyrna. Μύριος Μαίσαρ.
- (d) China Christ. Small boy, picture 7 years.



Am I a soldier of the cross  
A follower of the Lamb  
And shall I fight to win his crown  
Or bleed to reach his name?

Maie Watts  
1674-1748

Must I be carried to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease  
While others fought to win the prize  
And sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face,  
Must I not share the soldier's fate  
In this wide world a friend to make  
To help me on my way?

Shall I meet him if I would say  
In ease of conscience,  
Shall I base the trait, unless the pain  
Suggested by the word.