

OVERWHELMING FAITH

Follow, Part 3

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Review

- Being a sinner doesn't disqualify you from following Jesus. It's a prerequisite.
- Being an unbeliever doesn't disqualify you from following Jesus. Nobody who followed Jesus believed he was divine to begin with.
- Jesus' invitation was and is an invitation to relationship.

According to Jesus, what's the primary reward of following him?

- **Be a better person?**
- **Eternal life?**
- **A great life here and now?**

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him...

16 *"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by everyone because of me...*

28 *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So **don't be afraid**; you are worth more than many sparrows.*

Matthew 10:1, 16-22, 28-31

The destination is: _____
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*"...you of little faith... **do not worry**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them.**"*

Matthew 6:30-32 (NIV)

"You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"

Matthew 8:26

*And we know that in **all things God works for the good** of those who love him and have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28

**All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*