

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

This Gospel is about four men-Simon, Andrew, James and John- who make a choice. They make a choice to follow Jesus. They don't know what to expect but they are not frightened by the unknown. They TRUST in Jesus. They hear Jesus call and they believe in Jesus and eventually share Jesus' teachings and love with others. They became four of Jesus' apostles.

Let us listen now to the Gospel and reflect – what would you do if Jesus asked you to follow Him? Let us begin.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.. Jesus be in my mind, Jesus be on my lips and Jesus be in my heart...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel".

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fisherman. Jesus said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of me.' Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee; and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord...Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

We are all called to be disciples of Jesus. To follow Him and to dedicate ourselves in service to the Lord by helping others and spreading God's word.

Let us reflect and share some ideas or choices that we could make to show others that we are followers of Jesus...invite children up to share..

Dear Jesus, please help us to choose with a confident faith to follow you always. We ask this in your name. Amen. In the Name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.