

**Practicing Jesus: Come, Follow Me (Following)**  
**John 1:35-51, Matthew 4:18-22 / September 15, 2024**  
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- **What is Practicing Jesus?**
- **Come and See – Jesus was a Rabbi** (John 1:35-51)
  - Who or what do you follow? How is that working out for you?
  
  - When people were in proximity to Jesus, they knew there was something special about him (John 1:35-37, v.40-42, v.45, v.49)
  
  - Rabbi’s don’t just call anyone to be their apprentice, and yet Jesus did.
  
- **Come and Follow – Jesus invites you to be his apprentice** (John 18-22)
  - What is apprenticeship? (Talmidim vs. apprenticeship today)
  
  - Western Christianity has made it possible to believe in Jesus but not become his apprentice. That was not possible in Jesus’ eyes.
  
  - How do I apprentice under Jesus?
    - Be with Jesus
    - Become like Jesus
    - Do as Jesus did
  
- **Come and Become – Jesus’ apprentices experience abundant life** (Mark 1:14-15)
  - Apprenticeship is a lifelong journey. We don’t become like Jesus overnight. But as we apprentice under him, we begin to experience this “abundant life” here and now that Jesus talked about.
  
- **Everyone is invited. And everyone means everyone!** (Matthew 11:28-30)
  - Jesus called people of all backgrounds to come and apprentice under him. Everyone is invited. Come, and Jesus will give you rest.