

Sermon: The Resurrection and the Christian Life
Scripture: John 21:18-25

I. Introduction

- A. The resurrection and the Christian life is a much larger subject than what we are covering today.
Example: Philippians 3:10.
- B. John's "footnotes" (21:23-25)
- C. I Corinthians 15:1-57 – The resurrection is fact, true.
I Corinthians 15:58 – therefore, live this way.
- D. John 20, 21 – reality of resurrection
John 21:19 – therefore, follow Christ

II. "Follow Me" – the command of Christ for all Christians (vs. 19):

- A. Examples elsewhere – Matt. 8:22; 16:24; Luke 5:27,28
- B. Not how to become a Christian, but how to live like a Christian
- C. No matter what (v. 18,19)
- D. Always with the main goal in mind – to glorify God (v. 19)

III. "Follow Me" – what it means:

- A. It means the same thing for everyone.
- B. It means something different for everyone (v. 18,22; Romans 12:3-6a; I Cor. 12:14-20).

IV. "Follow Me" – the Christian's attention to what is happening in the lives of other Christians:

- A. Give them much loving attention (Phil. 2:3,4; Gal. 6:1,2; I John 3:17).
- B. Give them no wrong attention (v. 20-22; James 1:9,10).