

**20211226 OUR REACTIONS TO CHRIST  
WHO CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM AGAIN**

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<sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")

<sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

***JESUS' CALLING***

**One. A new kind of life.**

**John 3:3**

<sup>3</sup> No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

**Two. New ways of doing life.**

**Mark 2:22**

<sup>22</sup> And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins."

**Mark 16:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

<sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb

<sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

<sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

<sup>7</sup> But go, **tell his disciples and Peter**, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. **There you will see him, just as he told you.**'"

### **1. Jesus knows the burdens of our heart.**

#### **John 21:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

<sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

### **2. We can lose our vision without losing the first calling.**

#### **John 21:4**

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

### **3. Jesus always comes to seek us.**

#### **John 21:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

<sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

### **4. Jesus calls us again.**

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