

A Christmas Message Series

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Follow Me

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“Who do people say I am?”

“But what about you?” “Who do you say I am?”

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Piercing Questions & Definitive Answers from Jesus

Piercing Question 1: Do You Love Me?

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Piercing Question 1: Do You Love Me?

Definitive Answer 1: Feed My Sheep.



John 21:15-17

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

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John 21:15-17

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

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John 21:15-17

17 The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

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Mark 14:27

“Even if all fall away, I will not.” -- Peter



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Piercing Question 2: What is that to you?

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Definitive Answer 2: Follow me.



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Definitive Answer 2: Follow me.

- Regardless of the Cost



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Piercing Question 2: What is that to you?

Definitive Answer 2: Follow me.

- Regardless of the Cost
- Regardless of What Happens to Anyone Else

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John 21:18-23

18 Very truly I tell you, 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.”

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John 21:18-23

19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against

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John 21:18-23

Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”)

²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”

²² Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

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John 21:18-23

“You must follow me.”

²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

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Renewing Your Follow-ship

1. Serve His sheep as a strategic priority in your life.



What would Jesus see if He were looking at what I'm looking at right now?



Oh be careful little eyes what you see.

Oh be careful little eyes what you see.

For the Father up above

Is looking down in love

Oh be careful little eyes what you see.



Renewing Your Follow-ship

1. Serve His sheep as a strategic priority in your life.
2. Stop asking “what about Bob” -- run your race and tell your story.



Kip Keino
1,500m Mexico, 1968



“Child ... I am telling you your story, not hers. I tell no one any story but his own.”

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“Child ... I am telling you your story, not hers. No one is told any story but their own.”



Renewing Your Follow-ship

1. Serve His sheep as a strategic priority in your life.
2. Stop asking “what about Bob” -- run your race and tell your story.
3. Cherish the privilege of being well-pleasing to God in any situation.

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