

# FOLLOWING HIM

John 12:20-36

*Then they came\* to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves; <sup>16</sup>and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. <sup>17</sup>And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'(ethnos) But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN.'" Mark 11:15-17*

(vs.24-26)

## Following Him means

*And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. Luke 9:23*

## Following Him involves:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.24)

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. John 15:1-2*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. John 15:2*

*Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father; but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17*

## Dying to Self and Hearing God's Voice (vs. 27-28):

*Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." Luke 3:21-22*

*Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4*

*who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem...Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!" Luke 9:31-35*

## If I'm Not hearing God's Voice it's time to ask:

Am I \_\_\_\_\_ Self or am I \_\_\_\_\_ Self?

**(v.32)**

*For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots. Psa. 22:-18*

*“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. Zech. 12:10*

*“And one will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ Then he will say, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’ Zech. 13:6.*