

**MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 11**

We often encourage you to follow the Lord Jesus. But did you realise there is a right way to do so? We will learn this week about two people who thought they could follow Jesus on their own terms.



**Read Matthew 8 v 19-22.**

**Recruit 1** is described in verses 19-20. 1) How confident does he sound in his own ability?

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This man may have thought the Lord Jesus would be so pleased to have him as a follower. Jesus' reply is in verse 20. 2) What do you think He is saying? .....

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*If we are going to be a disciple or follower of the Lord Jesus, we need to understand what it might cost us. We need to ask ourselves, Do I love the Lord so much that I will do anything, or go anywhere He asks me? What would YOU answer?*



**Recruit 2** is described in verses 21-22. 3) What condition did this man put on his following Jesus?

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4) Can we dictate to the Lord what will happen in our lives? .....

*Jesus' answer may seem a bit sharp and unfeeling, but we know that Jesus was very kind and compassionate to all He met, so it can't be that.*

5) What do you think Jesus is saying to this man about what should come first in his life?

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Are you like this man? Do you want to do other things in your life before you follow the Lord? 6) Does that mean you are putting Jesus first, or the other things? .....

### ***A Challenge!***

*It is a good thing to want to follow the Lord Jesus. But we have to come in the right way. You might like to challenge yourself about this.*



#### ***Challenge 1***

*Do you think you are good enough for Jesus?*

*The Bible tells us differently! Read Psalm 53 v 3, and Isaiah 53 v 6. What does that tell us about every human being? .....*

*Far from doing God a favour, we have nothing to bring Him but our sin. But the end of Isaiah 53 v 6 says what Jesus has done with the sin of those who are trusting in Him. We should be following Jesus humbly and full of gratitude for what He has done! He gave His life to take away our sin. We need Him to help us live a life which is pleasing to God.*

#### ***Challenge 2***



*What reasons might you have for putting off following Jesus?*

*Read Matthew 16 v 26. There is nothing more important than making sure our soul is safe!*

*Read Isaiah 55 v 6. Don't leave it too late to come to Jesus.*

## Two men who wanted to follow Jesus – in the wrong way!

We have learned today that there is a right and a wrong way to follow Jesus.

### The First Man said ...



**"I will follow You wherever You go!"**

What was wrong with this? Put a circle round the words below which describe his wrong attitude:

humble

proud

self-confident

believed  
he needed  
forgiveness

felt unworthy

didn't need  
Jesus to help

### The Second Man said ... "Let me first do some things."

*Fill in the gaps:*

This man wanted to set his own conditions for \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Jesus.

Jesus expects His followers to \_ \_ \_ \_ Him, even if that means leaving \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ or possessions behind.

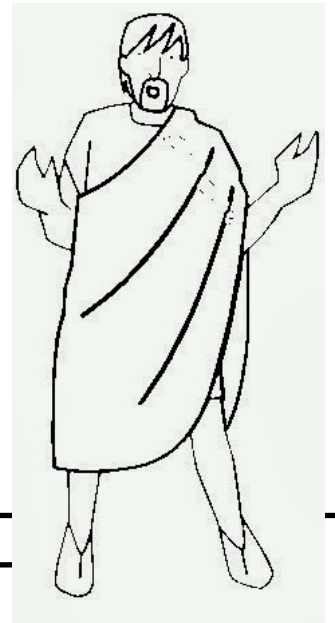
The Lord Jesus always leads His followers to

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

Missing words: obey

Heaven

following



**A verse to memorise:**

**What will a man give in exchange**

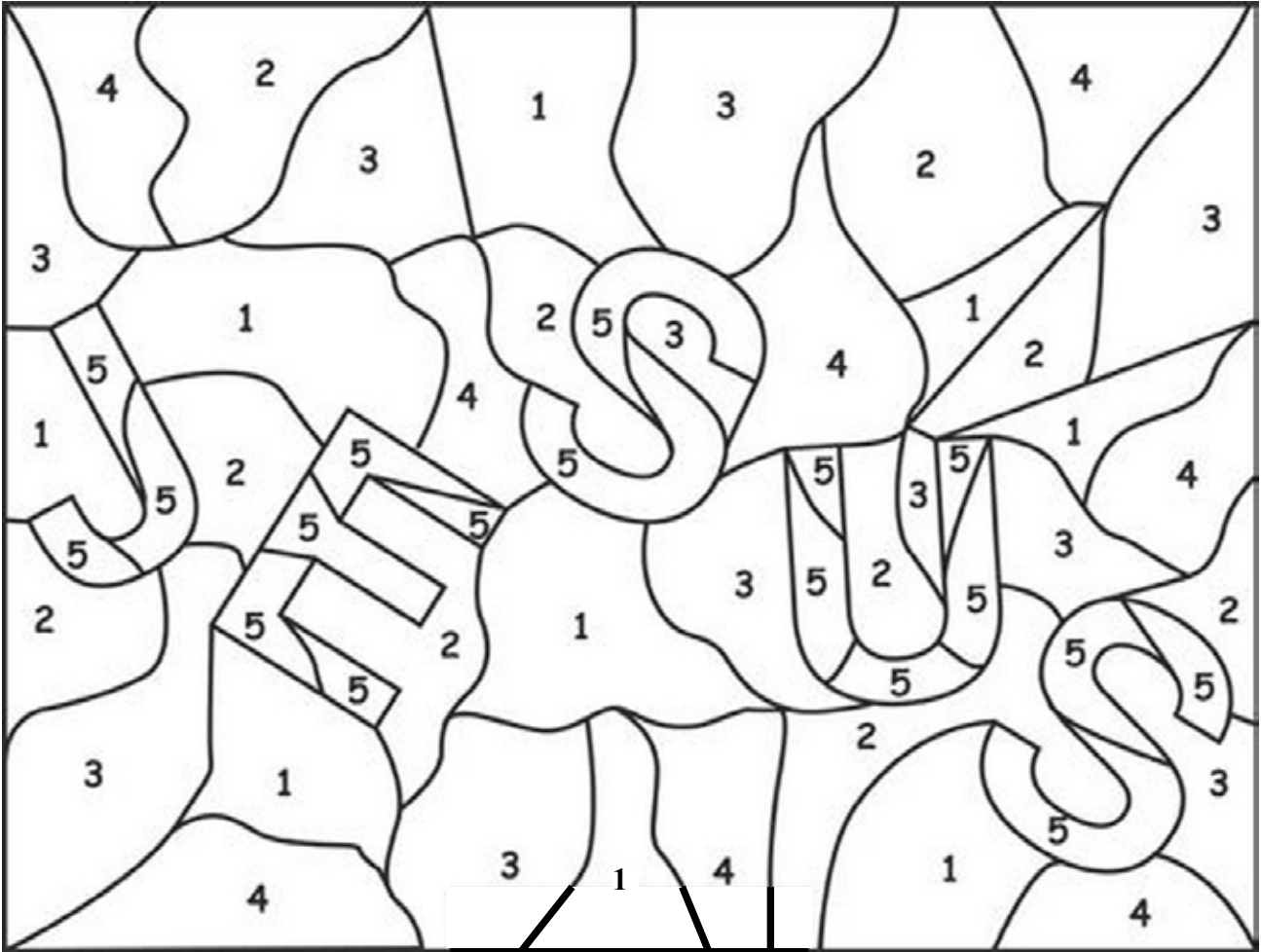
**for his soul?**

**Matthew 16 v 26**

### For younger ones

Colour this puzzle to find out Who we should follow.

1 = blue, 2 = red, 3 = green, 4 = yellow, 5 = orange



### Read Matthew 8 v 19-22

One man said to Jesus, “I will follow You wherever you go”. But he was trusting in his own strength, and didn’t know he needed Jesus to help him.

Jesus told another man to follow Him. But he said, “I want to do something else first.”

We should never put off following Jesus. We might wait until it is too late! Come to Him now, trusting in what He has done and not in yourself. Ask Him to forgive you your sins.