

EPILOGUE—PART 3:
FOLLOWING JESUS
(John 21:18-25)

- I. The Ultimate SACRIFICE of FOLLOWING Christ (John 21:18-19)
 - A. Jesus makes an enigmatic PROPHECY about Peter's DEATH
 - 1. When younger, he BUCKLED his own BELT and WALKED where he WISHED
 - 2. When old, he will stretch out his HANDS, someone else will “gird” him and TAKE him where he DOES NOT WANT to go
 - 3. This indicated the kind of DEATH by which Peter would GLORIFY GOD
 - B. Then Jesus commanded Peter, “FOLLOW ME!”
 - 1. Jesus' call to FOLLOW is not a call to an EASY LIFE
 - 2. Jesus' call to FOLLOW is a call to a life of SACRIFICE
- II. The Daily SUBMISSION of FOLLOWING Christ (John 21:20-23)
 - A. Peter turned and saw JOHN
 - 1. Identified as “the disciple whom Jesus LOVED”
 - 2. Identified as the one who “leaned back on His bosom at the SUPPER and said, ‘Lord, who is the one who BETRAYS you?’” (cf. 13:23-25)
 - 3. Identified as ACTIVELY FOLLOWING Jesus

- B. Peter asks, “What about THIS MAN?”
 - C. Jesus’ reply was not INFORMATION, but a REBUKE
 - 1. Jesus’ plan for John was not PETER’S BUSINESS
 - 2. Peter must focus on FOLLOWING CHRIST
 - D. John COMMENTS for CLARIFICATION
 - 1. It was RUMORED that John would NOT DIE
 - 2. Jesus DIDN’T SAY THAT
- III. The Closing SIGNATURE of John’s Gospel (John 21:24-25)
- A. John affirms his own EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY
 - B. No account could INCLUDE every DETAIL
 - 1. There are many TRUE things John did not INCLUDE
 - 2. If everything were written, the WORLD would OVERFLOW with books