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# The Galilean Ministry Begins

**What does it really mean to be “called”?**

**What might you have to leave behind?**

**Would there be a deal breaker for you in the call of Jesus?**

# How Webster defines **AUTHORITY**

## Noun

1. the power or right to command, act, etc.
2. officials with this power
3. influence resulting from knowledge, prestige, etc.
4. a person writing, etc. cited to support an opinion
5. an expert

# How Webster defines **POWER**

## Noun

1. ability to do or act
2. vigor; force; strength
3. a) authority; influence    b) legal authority
4. physical force or energy
5. a person or thing having great influence, force, or authority
6. a nation with influence over other nations

**Given the state of the infant church during the Roman Empire, why might the power and authority attributed to Jesus by Mark's Gospel be important to Mark's first hearers?**

**Given the state of the church in today's society, why might the power and authority attributed to Jesus by Mark's Gospel be important for us?**

**POWER CAN BE  
GRABBED,  
AUTHORITY HAS TO  
BE GIVEN.**

# Roman coin – Augustus Aureus



"NeroSestertius" via Wikipedia





**The apotheosis (transformation into gods) of Antoninus Pius and his wife Faustina; sculpted relief, c.AD 161**



# Discipleship

**Mark 1:16–20, 30–31**

**What actions do the people around Jesus take?**

**In what ways are these actions instructive for contemporary followers of Jesus reading Mark's Gospel?**

# Discipleship

## Mark 2:13–17

What qualifications does one need to have in order to be a disciple?

## Mark 3:31–35

What does this passage about Jesus' true family have to say about discipleship?

# Who Is He?

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lake-side, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: “Follow thou me!” and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time He commands.

**And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.**

**— Albert Schweitzer**



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