

Luke 5:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

Analysis

He left all rose up followed him. Left kataipōn abandoned forsook. All panta everything complete renunciation. Rose anastas decisive action. Followed ēkolouthei continuous discipleship. Levi/Matthew left lucrative tax collection business. Immediate obedience. Total commitment. No looking back. Sold out for Christ. This pattern for true discipleship. Reformed theology emphasizes genuine conversion produces fruit visible life change. Faith without works dead. Levi faith demonstrated by radical obedience.

Historical Context

Tax collectors wealthy Levi could afford to host great feast (v. 29). Leaving everything was costly sacrifice. Not merely changing jobs but abandoning entire lucrative career social network. Following Jesus meant uncertain itinerant life. No salary no security. Yet Levi did not hesitate. Grace produces willing obedience. Early church many left all to follow Christ. Monasticism sometimes misapplied this as work earning salvation. Reformation recovered that obedience is fruit not root of salvation.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does leaving all following Jesus reveal about cost and priority of true discipleship?
2. How does Levi immediate total obedience challenge halfhearted conditional commitment?

Interlinear Text

καὶ καταλιπὼν ἀπαντα, ἀναστὰς ἠκολούθησεν αὐτῷ

And
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he left
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all
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rose up
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and followed
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him
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 5:11 (Parallel theme): And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

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