

Jesus is King | A Series through the Gospel of Mark

Followers over Fans

Text: Mark 3:7-13

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Synopsis: Jesus is looking for people who want change, and want it on His terms not their own.

Fans

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Problem with fandom: it will not weather the storms.

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This may be where many of us start. That's ok!
But Jesus calls us deeper than fandom.

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Crowds: Pressed around Him

Demons: Fell down before him

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! (James 2:19)

One fan (crowds) wanted to get something from Jesus.

One "fan" (demons) wanted to get away from Jesus.

Followers

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Jesus is calling us all deeper, to something more.

Moving from a fan to a follower.

What does that look like?

- Making conscious, daily decisions to receive Christ's love
- Making conscious, daily decisions to yield to the will of Christ
- Trusting in him when things do not go according to plan