

If You Would Come After Me

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If you would come after Me, to your self say no;  
Take your cross up daily; follow Me alone.  
If you try to save your life, you will not succeed.  
You must lose your self for Me; then you'll find life indeed.  
What good will it be for you to gain the world as a whole,  
If the end result is losing your own soul?

If you are ashamed of Me and of what I say,  
I will also from you turn My face away.  
Clothed in glory bright as light, I will come some day.  
Till then, be My witnesses and never be dismayed.  
Though you may be persecuted, never worry or fear;  
Giving words of wisdom, I'll always be near.

All authority is Mine in both Heav'n and earth.  
Go and make disciples, bringing them new birth.  
Baptize in this mighty name: Father, Son, and Spirit.  
Teach all peoples to obey the things I have made clear.  
Surely I will be with you always as you strive to obey;  
Till the end of time, I'll still be there each day.

Jesus, I'm your servant here; self I have denied.  
I will follow daily; be my faithful guide.  
I am not ashamed of You; boldly I'll proclaim.  
I will go where'er you lead, discipling in Your name.  
I know You'll be with Me at all times, till the end of my life.  
So I'll follow gladly, out into the strife.