

Fully Committed ?

Luke 9:51 – 62



As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.



“To set his face towards” = A Jewish way of speaking

The beginning of the final phase of Jesus’ work

Note characteristics of his choice

- 1, glory coming (after transfiguration)
- 2, determination
- 3, Jerusalem ‘reception’; and its future.

And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him;

A Traveling Ministry

Preparations –

Accommodation
Food and water
People to bless



but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.



Pride and prejudice

Cut off your nose

Just the name – didn't ask why he was going?

Something about Jesus puts you off ?

Good idea versus God idea

When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"

Zealous for the Lord's honour ?

They had read about Elijah.
2 Kings 1: 9-15



Take offence or pass over ?

But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

But He turned and rebuked them, **and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them*."** And they went to another village. NKJV



The illustration of the three 'followers'

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."



- 1, Commitment has a cost (and benefits)
 - Things to leave behind – too demanding?
 - Think about it first !

No 'Buts'

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."



- 2, Commitment means now is the time to act.
One day – but not now. Give me time !

no turning back

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."



3, Commitment means **old ties have to be broken!**

**All three characteristics can be seen in
Jesus' response.**

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You too?

PS. Don't forget Zechariah 4:6