

Scripture

Luke 9:51-62 (NLT)

Opposition from Samaritans

51 As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. **52** He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. **53** But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem.

54 When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “*Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?*” 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 So they went on to another village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

57 As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, “*I will follow you wherever you go.*”

58 But Jesus replied, “**Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.**”

59 He said to another person, “Come, follow me.” The man agreed, but he said, “*Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.*”

60 But Jesus told him, “Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.”

61 Another said, “Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.”

62 But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”