

Journey to Jerusalem – Feast of Tabernacles

Luke 9:51-62

The disciples had traveled with Jesus for about three years at this point, yet they had certainly been failing major tests of ministry. They showed no _____ to one another while seeking a great position; they show no _____ to other Christ-followers outside of their group; and now we study that they show no _____ to unbelievers. Without _____, they will have no lasting ministry! Then, through conversations with more “want-to-be” disciples, Jesus will teach us the characteristics of true followers!

I. Jesus Sets His Face toward Jerusalem

“And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up (Lit. - _____), he steadfastly _____ his face to go to Jerusalem,” Luke 9:51

II. Jesus Sends Messengers to a Samaritan Village

“And _____ messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. ⁵³ And they did not receive (Lit - _____) him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.” Luke 9:52-53

“village of the Samaritans” –

“they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem” –

“And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that _____ command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did? ⁵⁵ But he _____, and _____ them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. ⁵⁶ For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to _____ them. And they went to another village.” Luke 9:54-56

“wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did?” –

“Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of” –

“For the Son of man is not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them” –

III. Jesus Sees “want-to-be” Followers in the Way

“And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I _____ follow thee whithersoever thou goest. ⁵⁸And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.” Luke 9:57-58

“And he said unto another, _____ me. But he said, Lord, suffer me _____ to go and bury my father. ⁶⁰Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but _____ thou and _____ the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:59-60

This really is an amazing exchange. Notice four specifics with me:

1. It was _____ who instigated this conversation!
2. This man felt he had something _____ to do than follow the Messiah!
3. Jesus taught that _____ for Him must come first, while loyalty and devotion to family must be secondary!
4. Jesus had a specific task: _____ and _____ the kingdom of God!

“And another also said, Lord, I _____ follow thee; _____ let me _____ go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. ⁶²And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit (Lit. - _____) for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:61-62

Believers' Application:

1. The disciples sure have been demonstrating a lack of love; first to each other, then to other believers, and now to those who are unbelievers. Consider:

- How did James and John display a lack of love for the Samaritans?

- What drove such a reaction and attitude?

- How about us? How could we demonstrate a lack of love for the unbelieving world?
 1. Displaying a **hateful _____ of the unbelieving world.**
 2. Displaying a _____ **for destruction** against unbelievers.
 3. By _____ **the truth of the Holy Spirit's power** within lives.
 4. By _____ **praying for their souls** and God's work of drawing them to Him.

When we see only the sin and wickedness of individuals and do not possess the _____ of Jesus for their souls, we are living apart from the mind of Jesus.

- When considering the unbelieving world, let's keep Jesus' words of rebuke at the forefront of our thinking. "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

2. Just as in Jesus' day, people hear and consider the message of Jesus, but there comes a time of decision to accept and follow or to reject and walk away. We will be learning the lessons of true followers our entire life, but how are you doing?

➤ An attitude of absolute self-denial and homelessness in the world –

➤ An attitude of absolute self-surrender to Christ and His work –

➤ An attitude of absolute undivided heart and affection to Christ and His work –