


Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast



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Jesus' Journey To Jerusalem
Luke 9:51-56

Jesus' Brothers

Jesus understood His relationship to the world. Jesus told His brothers:

- **"The world cannot hate you ..."** (John 15:19). Why?
 - **"... It hates Me because I testify of it, that it's deeds are evil."** (1 Kings 22:7-8; cf. I Kings 18:17; John 3:19; 15:25)
 - The application to His disciples. (John 15:18-20)
- "Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee."* (John 7:9)

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*"But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, **not publicly, but as if, in secret.**"* (John 7:10)

*"When the days were approaching for His ascension, **He was determined (set His face) to go to Jerusalem**"* (Luke 9:51; cf. Isaiah 50:7, note verse 4-10; Jeremiah 42:15)

*"When **the days were approaching for His ascension ...**"* (Mark 16:19; Acts 2:32-33)

- **"Determined"** or **"set His face"** (ASV/ESV) means "to set fast, i.e., (literally) to turn resolutely in a certain direction." (Strong)(cf. Acts 11:23; 21:13-14)
- Luke 13:33, **"... I must journey on ..."** (to Jerusalem.)
- **"Going as it has been determined."** (Luke 22:22)

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*"... **He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him.**"* (Luke 9:51-52)

The most direct route to Jerusalem from Galilee would take Jesus and His company through Samaria.

Remember when Jesus left Judea for Galilee and passed through Samaria (John 4:3-42) where *"many of the Samaritans believed in Him"* in the city of Sychar and knew that *"this One is indeed the Savior of the world."* (verses 39, 42)

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*"But **they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem.**"* (Luke 9:51)

Others besides the Samaritan woman of John 4:9 would have had the same attitude of being disinclined to practice hospitality because the **"Jews have no dealings with Samaritans."**

- Especially when the purpose of passing through Samaria was to reject their place of worship to go to Jerusalem to worship.
- Interesting that the account of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) follows on the heels of this.

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The reaction of James and John to the Samaritans:

*"When His disciples **James and John** saw this, they said, 'Lord, **do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?**'"* (Luke 9:54; cf. 2 Kings 1:9-16)

How would you describe James' and John's reaction?

What would be the ultimate outcome of the Samaritans if their request was granted?

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"But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, 'You do not know what kind 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 on to another village."

(Luke 9:55-56)

James and John had displayed *"the spirit of the world"* rather than *"the Spirit who is from God."*

(1 Corinthians 2:12; cf. Ephesians 2:2; Romans 8:5-8)

We must be led by the *"Spirit of Christ"* (Romans 8:9) and not the flesh as James and John were.

Jesus' purpose wasn't to *"destroy"* but to *"save."*

(John 3:17; 12:47; Luke 19:10)

What is our duty? (Romans 12:14-21)

"Follow Me ..."

Luke 9:57-62

"As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, 'I will follow You wherever You go.'" (Luke 9:57)

- Note that this *"someone"* was a scribe. (Matthew 8:19)

- Why did some *"follow"* Jesus? (John 6:26)

Jesus is addressing **commitment**. Notice the last verse of this context:

- *"No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."* (Luke 9:62)

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"As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, 'I will follow You wherever You go.'" (Luke 9:57)

Jesus, knowing his heart, knew he wasn't thinking about the cost of following Him and said in reply:

"The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

(Luke 9:58)

- Following Jesus means sacrifice. (2 Samuel 24:24)
- Following Jesus means contentment. (Philippians 4:11)
- A mindset of *"sojourners and pilgrims"* (1 Peter 2:11 ^{ASV})

The Lord asks each of us to *"calculate the cost."*

(Luke 14:25ff)

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Jesus approached someone else as they journeyed and simply said: *"Follow Me."* (Luke 9:59; cf. Luke 5:27-28)

This individual (a *"disciple"* – Matthew 8:21) responded by saying: *"Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."* (Luke 9:59)

- What is the key word he said?

Not that it's wrong to properly bury one's father.

- What comes before our following the Lord?
- What comes before our worship?
- What comes before our service?
- What comes first? (Matthew 6:33)