

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN
LUKE CHAPTER 9:51-62
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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"GOING WHERE JESUS GOES"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Discipleship, Following, Commitment, Devotion

Introduction to the Text;

Luke 9:51-62

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

If You Have Ever Been to a Hollywood or New York City Play,
the Intensity of the Story is Continued On with the Next Scene.
And the Next Scene always Requires a Set Change."

That is Exactly What We Have Here

from here, beginning with verse 51 on thru to the end of Luke,
We Have a Set Change in High Definition.

Jesus and His disciple will be "**On the Road**" - - **On to Jerusalem,**
On to the Cross and **On to His Death** and **On to His Resurrection**
from the Dead ! - - This is Jesus' Last Six Months on Earth.

With Constant Challenges, Opportunities and Difficulties
*(there will be more old testament prophecies fulfilled as Jesus heads toward Jerusalem
than at any other time in history)*

Luke 9:51-62

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command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" :55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. :56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. :57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." :58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." :59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." :60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." :61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." :62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

A Special Introduction: v.51-56

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Dr. Luke could not have used any more powerful words to Communicate the Moment.

His **Mission** was Set – On To Jerusalem!

His **Passion** resolute – To Die for The Sins of Mankind!

Verse 51

He **steadfastly** set His face to go to Jerusalem

Heaven, by way of Jerusalem.

heaven has been guaranteed to all those who have put their trust in Christ. but while underway, there are dangers and difficulties to be had. life will eventually become difficult for all of us to some degree. there will be relationship struggles and health issues. there will be family challenges, loved ones will pass away, and sorrow and heartbreak will come. There is however, a better destination for us on the other side of these challenges. these difficulties announce to us the nearness of heaven!

John 10:18

No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

And so Jesus, with His Seminary students moved south with great Expedition.

“it’s all business now for Jesus as he’s determined to get the job done at Jerusalem. that “business” of His was your salvation and mine.

there is a “**raw**” literalness that’s communicated here, Jesus is intensifying his ministry as He approaches the end, the purpose of His ministry will come down to one goal. – *your salvation and mine at Jerusalem*

The Samaritan Factor v.52-54

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James and John Represent an Age Old Battle

the Samaritans hated the Jews and Jews the Samaritans. each considered one another as apostates and religious enemies of each other

The Samaritans

were descended of a mixed racial pot that came about because of the Assyrian invasion into Israel in 722 B.C.

In an attempt to destroy the Jewish race, The Assyrians deported many of the original inhabitants of the Northern Kingdom and replaced them with a mixture of people from the east: of Babylonian, Assyrian blood. – the Jews called them “half-breeds”

Thankfully: The ministry of Jesus Christ began with the Jews and yet excluded no one. He ministered to the Jews, the Samaritans, to gentiles and to anyone who was willing to believe the truth of God.

John 4:6-9

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. :7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." :8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. :9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Always Keep in Mind Verse 56

Luke 9:56

For the Son of Man did not come to **destroy** men's lives but to **save them.**"

Remember This Christian the Next Time Someone Declares That We All Worship the Same God, - - Remember This CNN, UN, Sean Penn, Bin Laden

"Jesus Said I Have Come To Save Lives"

Not **Blow** Them Up or **Cut** Off Their Heads or **Chop** Of Their Hands

John 3:17

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

1John 4:16

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1John 4:8

God is love.

GOING WHERE JESUS GOES

1.) *Jesus goes to our motives*

v.57-58

Now it happened as they **journeyed** on the road, that someone said to Him, "**Lord**, I will **follow** You **wherever** You go." :58 And Jesus said to him, "**Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**"

JESUS GOES TO OUR MOTIVES

1a.) Motives that are without **expense**

Verse 57b

that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You...

Counting the Cost

“Lord” = This Man Recognizes

The Greatness and Value of Jesus’ Words and the Need of the Kingdom

Lord, I will follow you where you go! – said the man.

we know from Matthew’s account that the man was a well-educated man and well off.

Matt. 8:19

Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”

**But Jesus Knows Exactly
What is In This Man’s Heart and Mind,
and so Jesus is going to give the man a “to the heart” response**

JESUS GOES TO OUR MOTIVES

1b.) Motives that are without understanding

Verse 58

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“Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.”

I Have This Question to Ask:

Why Would Someone Want to Become a Christian?

if you listen to the gospel, read the bible to see what it says and think, really think, you come away with this...

**It’s Not That I “Want” to Become a Christian,
It’s That I “Have” to Become a Christian !**

Heb. 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Do I See Jesus as a “Must”

1Cor. 2:10

But we know these things because God has revealed them to us by his Spirit, and his Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God’s deep secrets.

JESUS GOES TO OUR MOTIVES

1c.) Motives that are without **appreciation**

Verse 58

And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has **nowhere** to lay *His* head.”

Note: Jesus Makes This Point.

The Man was Exuberant About Becoming a Christian.

But is his Motive to follow Jesus The Right One?

Christian,
We Must Never “Make It Easy”
for Someone to Become a Christian.

&

We Must Never Make It Hard Either
We Must Make It Honest !

Christianity today makes salvation and becoming a Christian a matter of “easy believeism” a “just pray this prayer” chant or a “come forward and you’ll be saved”

but people are not saved that way.

they do not become a Christian like that. what happens is that they “think they’ve done the Christian thing, but there is no changed life, there is no new beginning, and so they walk away from Christianity never having really met the Christ of Christianity, - the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

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GOING WHERE JESUS GOES

2.) Jesus goes to our **priorities**

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JESUS GOES TO OUR PRIORITIES

2a.) The priority of **one**

Verse 59

Then He (Jesus) said to another, **“Follow Me.”**

There is no more perfect definition for Discipleship that this;
“Follow Me”

to go down the same road, to be on the same path.

i.e. It's like saying to your boss, “I ant to do the best job possible here, what do I need to know?” - and the boss replies, “Follow Me”

Set That as Your Priority One

“what does God say about my **work** ethic?”

“what does God say about being a **parent**?”

“what does God say about **love**?”

“what does God say about **war**?”

JESUS GOES TO OUR PRIORITIES

2b.) The priority of **urgency**

Verse 59-60a

But he (the man) said, “**Lord**, let me first go and bury my father.”
:60 Jesus said to him, “**Let the dead bury their own dead...**”

**“Lord” = This Man Also Recognizes
The Greatness and Value of Jesus’ Words and the Need of the Kingdom**

let me first go and bury my father.”

The Father was Not Dead – he was going to die someday.
(in the middle east, the dead are buried within a few hours in some cases, if not sooner.)

“Let the dead bury their own dead...”

Jesus is Saying: “I am Inviting You to Live Life,
“do you really care about the dead, then give them life,
but you must first have it yourself.”

Jesus is not Teaching Disrespect, He’s Teaching Priority

As A Christian, “I See Dead People”

2Cor. 2:15-16

Our lives are a fragrance presented by Christ to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those being saved and by those perishing. :16 To those who are perishing we are a fearful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved we are a life-giving perfume.
And who is adequate for such a task as this?

JESUS GOES TO OUR PRIORITIES

2c.) The priority of **necessity**

Verse 60

“but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

This Man was Somber, and Serious About Becoming a Christian.

Note: The Point Jesus Makes.

“you go and preach the kingdom”

as Christians, what am I doing to “go” and “preach”?

What Jesus is Not Saying
“dump your old dad and get with the program”

Jesus Is Saying – God First in Everything, at All Times.

The Point is On The Commitment;
go and preach the gospel, everywhere and at all times.
and whenever, wherever you live your life – live it for God and the Kingdom.

would Jesus be against this man going home to give his family the gospel?
certainly not. but Jesus is against you and I going home and saying that “we will
consider spiritual things some other day”.

1Cor. 9:16

For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes,
woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

2Cor. 4:5-6

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your
bondservants for Jesus’ sake. :6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out
of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory
of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Cor. 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of
God in vain. :2 For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day
of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the
day of salvation.

There is a Danger of Listening to the Dead.

Dead People Say Scary Things Like...

“aren’t you going to church a little to much?”

“why do read your bible so much?”

“that’s nice that you’ve found religion – that’s good for you”

Just Leave Me Alone will Ya, I'm Dead to That Stuff

GOING WHERE JESUS GOES

3.) Jesus goes to our *devotions*

v.61-62

3a.) Devotion to His **authority**

Verse 61a

And another also said, “**Lord**, I will follow You,

“**Lord**” = Each of These Men Recognized
The **Greatness** and **Value** of Jesus’ **Words** and the Need of the **Kingdom**

This man is verbally ascribing to Jesus’
ultimate authority with his words, but his decision to act on that is in question.

Rev. 19:6

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters
and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, “Alleluia!
For the Lord God **Omnipotent** reigns!

Jesus Christ is God Revealed Among Man
in Human Flesh.

(our God is so great that He can do anything, He’s all powerful, He’s all knowing, He’s
all present)

Col. 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead **bodily**;
bodily = **corporeally** or physically

John 1:1,14

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was
God... :14 And the **Word** became **flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld **His**
glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

JESUS GOES TO OUR DEVOTIONS

3b.) Devotion to His **leadership**

Verse 61b

but let me first go
and bid them farewell who are at my house.”

This Man was Calculated About Becoming a Christian.

JESUS GOES TO OUR DEVOTIONS

Mark 10:29-31

So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, :30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. :31 But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”

Luke 14:25-26

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, :26 “If anyone comes to Me and does not **hate** his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

Hate μισέω miseo, *mis-eh´-o*; from a primary μῖσος misos in comparison to, to match up against, to love all others less than.

Ex. 20:3

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

JESUS GOES TO OUR DEVOTIONS

3c.) Devotion to His **duty**

Verse 62

But Jesus said to him, **“No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”**

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Note: Jesus Point Here...

don't be looking back

(leave the old life behind you. don't look at it, don't talk it, don't pick it up, don't feel it,)

why look back? has looking back ever helped us?

Phil. 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, **forgetting** those things which are behind and **reaching** forward to those things which are ahead, **:14 I press** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Three Things That We Must Do Enroute to Heaven

we must be **forgetting**
we must be **reaching** // we must be **pressing**

Verse 62

“No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Luke 17:29-32

but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. **:30** Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. **:31** “In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. **:32 Remember Lot's wife.**

GOING WHERE JESUS GOES

is the simplest yet most accurate definition of being a disciple.

1. It's where the gospel needs to go.
2. It's where people are lost.
3. It's where people are broken.
4. It's where people are scared.
5. It's where people have no hope.
6. It's where people are deceived.
7. It's where people need Jesus Christ

It's Time To Ask The Question

What's In It For Me ?

This is What's In It for You...

CONSIDER THIS;

Is There **Anyone**, is There **Anything** That is Preventing Me from Deciding to Follow Jesus?

IS IT A **DREAM**, A **DESIRE**, AN **ACHIEVEMENT**, A **PURSUIT**, A **GOAL**, A **PERSON**, A **PLACE** OR **THING**?

Wouldn't You Like to Finally Except
Jesus Christ Today?

Do You Need Ministry of Any Kind?

*as soon as this song is over, you come forward today,
and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.*

————— *End of Study* —————