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51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. **52**

And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; **53** but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

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“God’s plan is another step toward fulfillment. The approaching goal is not only the death and resurrection but also the ascension of Christ.”

The Expositor’s Bible Commentary

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John 4:9

The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

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“Pure-bred” Jews hated these “half-breeds,” and the Samaritans in turn hated the Jews. So many tensions arose between the two peoples that Jewish travelers between Galilee and southern Judea often would walk around rather than through Samaritan territory, even though this would lengthen the trip considerably. Jesus had no such prejudices...”

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Luke 9:54-56

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

55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. **56** Then he and his disciples went to another village.

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2 Kings 1:10

10 Elijah answered the captain,
“If I am a man of God, may fire
come down from heaven and
consume you and your fifty
men!” Then fire fell from
heaven and consumed the
captain and his men.

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“When the Samaritan village did not welcome Jesus and His disciples, James and John didn’t want to stop at shaking the dust from their feet. They wanted to retaliate by calling down fire from heaven on the people.”

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2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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“Three men approach Jesus, all with aspirations of discipleship. All three of Jesus’ responses point to the radical nature of commitment to Him, and the extreme cost a disciple must be willing to pay.”

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Luke 9:57-58

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

58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

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“Jesus’ singular devotion to His task means that He has no permanent home to provide security.”

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Luke 9:59-60

59 He said to another man,
“Follow me.” But he replied,
“Lord, first let me go and bury
my father.” **60** Jesus said to
him, “Let the dead bury their
own dead, but you go and
proclaim the kingdom of God.”

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“Jesus probably means to let those who are spiritually dead bury the physical dead... Jesus’ reply is meant to be truly radical and countercultural.”

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Luke 9:61-62

61 Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” **62** Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

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1 Kings 19:19-21

19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.”

20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.” “Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

21 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

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“...a disciple constantly distracted by past associations cannot provide effective service for the Kingdom of God. Jesus demands an even more rigorous commitment from His disciples than Elijah and an even more dramatic break with family.”

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Applications

- **No racism**
- **Count the cost**

Final Thoughts

“The church must deal with the world’s rejection. The world often sees our commitment to Jesus as a blind, arrogant exclusivism, when in reality it represents an invitation to share in the rich blessings of God...”

Darrell Bock

Final Thoughts

“What kind of servant does Jesus desire? What type of service does He expect? Several analogies surface. In the military, as the soldier trains for service, he or she is often required to leave home for a long time.”

**Whether in boot camp or on call
somewhere in the world, there is
no time to stop and bury the dead
or have contact with the family.
Like a commitment to serve one's
nation, discipleship is a call to
serve God... Jesus sees the call of
discipleship like that.”**

Final Thoughts

Revelation 7:9

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

10 And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Final Thoughts

Luke 9:23

23 Then he said to them all:
“Whoever wants to be my
disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross daily
and follow me.”