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As Jesus got to be more and more famous, more and more people were following him around the countryside. Some of them were just curious. Others were worried that Jesus might cause trouble, and were hoping to see him get into trouble himself. Many people were excited about the miracles and healings that Jesus did, and the wonderful way he talked about God... but other people didn't want to listen at all!

FOLLOWING JESUS

Luke 9:51-62

JESUS WAS PASSING THROUGH THE REGION OF SAMARIA. THE SAMARITANS HAD DIFFERENT BELIEFS FROM THE JEWS!

JESUS WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO SPEND THE NIGHT!

BAD NEWS, MASTER! THEY WON'T PUT US UP HERE! THEY DON'T LIKE THE THINGS YOU SAY AND DO!

WHAT?! THOSE STUPID, PIG-HEADED...

MASTER! DID YOU HEAR THAT?! WHY DON'T WE (LUKE 9:55)?!

NO, NO - THAT'S NOT MY WAY!

JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM A BUNCH OF DUMB SAMARITANS!!



SO THEY KEPT WALKING ALONG! AS THEY DID, SOMEONE CAME RUNNING UP TO JESUS!

RABBI! I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE THINGS YOU'VE BEEN SAYING ABOUT GOD! CAN I COME WITH YOU? I'LL FOLLOW YOU EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

FOXES HAVE DENS... BIRDS HAVE NESTS... BUT "THE SON OF MAN" HAS NOWHERE TO REST HIS HEAD!

YOU THERE! COME AND FOLLOW ME!

TERRIFIC! LET ME JUST GO HOME, AND SAY GOODBYE, AND GET MY THINGS, AND...

NO ONE WHO TURNS BACK IS READY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM!



Jesus wanted the people who were excited about him to think what it meant to follow him and be his friend. He asked them to change their whole way of thinking and living.

Jesus still asks that today. He wants us to love him, and stay with him, and care most of all about becoming like him!

2 KINGS 2:12

(When Elijah is taken up to heaven, Elisha continues his work of speaking God's word)



PSALM 77:14

"Lord, you are the God who works wonders"



GALATIANS 5:

16 "Put God's Spirit at the center of your life, and don't follow your sinful self any more"



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