

LUKE 9 vs 51

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⁵¹ And it happened, when the time came that Jesus should be **received up** / that's the same word we read 3 times in Acts, chapter 1... regarding His ascension,

He set His face to go to Jerusalem / like a flinty rock... Jesus on this point, He was a hard-head! He had work to do, some heavy lifting... **before He should be received up,**

⁵² And He sent messengers ahead of Him: and they went, and entered a town of the Samaritans, to make ready for Him.

⁵³ And those in the town did **not** receive Him / for centuries... Samaria and Judea were at odds with each other; and they did not welcome Him; so, we might wonder why; but Dr. Luke tells us,

because He set His face to go to Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ And when the disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord / they wanted to know what was His desire; was His knee-jerk reaction to their rebuff... the same as these 2 brothers?

Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did? / hmm? I guess they think they're exercising faith. Those sons of thunder are saying: We will gladly destroy those people for You – they sound a lot like roman inquisitors, don't they?!



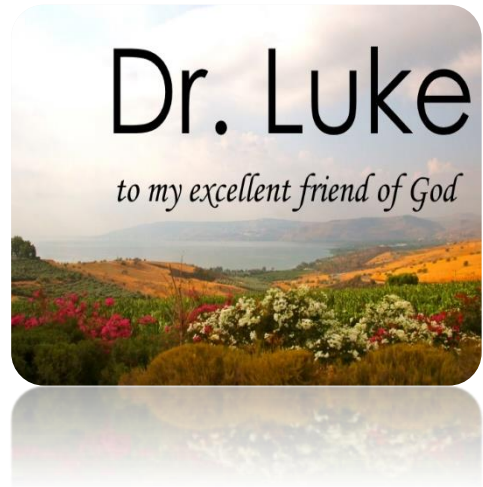
⁵⁵ But Jesus turned, and rebuked them, and said, You do **not** know what kind of spirit you are of / they did not know how evil that was to Jesus.

⁵⁶ For the Son of Man did **not** come to destroy the lives of men, but to save them / there are people who claim they are in the church... who for centuries have destroyed peoples' lives; even today... even eliminating portions of scripture like this verse. But Jesus who is building His church says, they are not led by the Spirit of Jesus Christ; the Messiah of God.

And they went to another village.

⁵⁷ And it happened, as they went on the way, a certain man said to Him,

Lord, I will follow You wherever You go / that's a very noble declaration isn't it? Jesus invited all along the way to join Him; little did they know where it was He was going; from our vantage point we know: He was going to a cross.



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⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him,

Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests;

but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head / no fancy king-size bed, or even a pillow.

⁵⁹ And to another, He said,

Join Me / in the way I'm going; don't get in front, don't lag behind; keep pace with Me.

But he said, Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father / to bury my father -- was a euphemism that meant: can I take care of my father until he dies... he's an older guy.

⁶⁰ **Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury the dead** / in other words, let those with no or little spiritual insight perform what tasks they know how to do best; so, to this guy, Jesus said:

But you go and preach the kingdom of God.

⁶¹ And another also said,

Lord, I will join You; but first let me go bid farewell, to those at my house / first let me say good bye, to everyone at home; now, that all sounds good-mannered and very proper; until you start thinking about all the brothers and sisters and their husbands and their wives, and nephews and nieces; and uncles and aunts and cousins – both first cousins and second cousins, and grandparents, and great aunts and great uncles; and even the grumpy great-grandparents; and friends and neighbors come over to check out all the ruckus – and ask what's going on? And by then, someone in the crowd convinces you not to leave.

⁶² And Jesus said to him,

No one / no man, no woman, **having put his hand to the plough,**

and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.



Day of Salvation: Day of Yeshua
Day of Jesus

This is My Father's World

The Love of God

His Sheep Hear His Voice And Follow Him