

RE-EXAMINING THE MISSION OF JESUS

PART 3

“FOXES, FOWLS AND FUNERALS”

“The Price Tag of Discipleship: What It Really Means to Follow Jesus”

(Luke 9:57-62; Matthew 8:18-22; Luke 14:25-35)

INTRODUCTION:

“Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him,  
He gave orders to depart to the other side of the sea.”

—Matthew 8:18

- Luke and Matthew recount this episode of Jesus' exchange with a few would-be followers. What is similar in each exchange is this: Each promise some kind of \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus, and each is \_\_\_\_\_ by Him.
- The question we are faced with is, “Why?” What is it about their \_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ that didn't match up? Why did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ so many would-be followers who seemed so \_\_\_\_\_ ?

1A. LOOKING AHEAD—THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF DISCIPLESHIP: (LUKE 14:23-35)

“... great multitudes were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,...”

1B. Following Jesus will cost me all my earthly \_\_\_\_\_.

“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”

—Luke 14:26

2B. Following Jesus will cost me all my earthly \_\_\_\_\_.

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

—Luke 14:27

3B. Following Jesus will cost me all my earthly \_\_\_\_\_.

“So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.”

—Luke 14:33

## 2A. LOOKING BACK—THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO DISCIPLESHIP: (LUKE 9:57-62)

*“As they were going along the road,...”*

### 1B. Would-Be Follower #1: \_\_\_\_\_

*“...someone said to Him, ‘I will follow You wherever You go.’”*

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

—Luke 9:57, 58

- **Confronted with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of Man and His kingdom.**

### 2B. Would-Be Follower #2: \_\_\_\_\_

*“And He [Jesus] said to another, ‘Follow Me.’”*

*“But he said, ‘Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.’”*

*“But He said to him, ‘Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.’”*

—Luke 9:59, 60

- **Confronted with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of Man and His kingdom.**

### 3B. Would-Be Follower #3: \_\_\_\_\_

*“Another also said, ‘I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.’”*

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

—Luke 9:61, 62

- **Confronted with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of Man and His kingdom.**

## CONCLUSION:

***“And He was saying to them all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?’”***

—Luke 9:23-25