

## Luke 9:51-62

### The Call of Christ

Jesus resolutely sets his face towards Jerusalem.

Types of responses:

#### 1) Samaritan village (vv. 51-53)

Problem: prejudice

Jesus' response: to pass them by

#### 2) Disciples (vv. 54-56)

Problem: near-sighted revenge

Jesus' response: rebuke

#### 3) Fickle Volunteer (vv. 57-58)

Problem: unwilling to forsake comfort

Jesus' response: To follow me means living by faith.

#### 4) Anchored to the Past (vv. 59-60)

Problem: Can't let go of the past.

Jesus' response: You need to look forward and move into the future kingdom.

#### 5) Family Bound (vv. 61-62)

Problem: unwilling to leave home

Jesus' response: Must be willing to leave all and follow him.

Taking up this cross daily means:

- a. Abandoning attachments to this world;
- b. Putting to death the old man with his lust and evil desires;
- c. Facing new temptations every day by realizing that God has provided a way out of them;
- d. Carrying the burdens of others according to Galatians 6:2.

The scene at Golgotha needs four crosses.