

Sermon Notes – “Letting the Dead Bury The Dead”
(August 14, 2022)

Sermon Text: Luke 9:51,57-62

Introduction: Jesus “*resolutely set out for Jerusalem,*” i.e., he **deliberately, intentionally** headed toward confrontation with Israel’s religious leaders there.

Focus Question: *Is following Jesus with your whole life your first priority?*

I. Divine Imperative (vs. 51a)

- “*The time approached*”, literally, “*the time of his fulfillment*”
- **Implication:** this is **God’s will** that he suffer, die, and be raised from the dead.
- “*The Son of Man must suffer many things*” – Luke 9:22.

II. Resolution – No Turning Aside (vs. 51b)

- “*Jesus resolutely set out*”, literally, “*set his face to go*”
- Jesus **fully accepts** the mission (“*for this reason I came to this hour*”-John 12:27)
- Jerusalem – serves as the symbol for Mt. Calvary and all that happens there.

III. Three Stories: “This is serious business!” (vss. 57-62)

- To all who would follow him, **Jesus warns:**
 - a. The Way of Jesus is **perilous, uncertain.** (vs. 58)
 - b. The disciple of Jesus must be **single-minded** about the Kingdom. (vs. 60)
 - c. There shall be **no looking back** with wistfulness. (vs. 62)

Food for Thought

- **The Apostle Paul:**

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 3:13-14**

“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” **2 Timothy 4:6-8**