

The Road to the Cross
Journey to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51-56
March 4, 2007

Going to Jerusalem

- A turning point in Christ's ministry

Two parts of Christ's Ministry

Part 1: Ministry to the Crowds

→ Peter: "You are the Christ!"

Part 2: Ministry to the Disciples

Going to Jerusalem

- A turning point in Christ's ministry
- Jesus' determination to go to Jerusalem

Facing Rejection

- The reality of rejection
- The response to rejection

Why did they respond like this?

- Personal rejection
- Concern for the honor of their Lord
- A misunderstanding of the role of the Messiah

An audacious request

"³⁵James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, 'Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.' ³⁶And He said to them, 'What do you want Me to do for you?' ³⁷They said to Him, 'Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on *Your* left, in Your glory.'" (Mk. 10:35-37)

Counting the Cost

- Would-be followers of Jesus
- Why there is a cost to follow Jesus

Jesus vs. the world

"¹⁸If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. . .

Jesus vs. the world

"²⁰Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me." (Jn. 15:18-21)

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- An invitation to walk with Jesus

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