

Who is First?

Luke 9:51-62

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To Jerusalem! To the Ascension! (9:51, 53, 56; 13:22; 17:11; 18:31; 19:28)

1. Disciples do not resort to **retaliation** when rejected (9:51-56).
 - a. Rejection is **inevitable** (v.52-53).
 - b. Reactions to rejection are to be **merciful** (9:54-56)
 - i. Remember this is the **day of Grace** not judgment.
 - ii. Remember first rejections may not be **final**. (Acts 8:1, 4-25; 9:31; 15:3).
 - iii. Remember extreme reactions are always **inappropriate**.
2. Disciples follow Jesus **without reservations** (9:57-58).
 - a. Followers can never be **flippant** or frivolous.
 - b. Followers can never be **half-hearted** in their commitment.
3. Disciples follow Jesus without **negotiations** (9:59-60).
 - a. There are no negotiations as to **who is first**.
 - b. There are no negotiations because **financial** considerations.
 - c. Let the **dead** bury their dead? Huh?
4. Disciples follow Jesus without **hesitations** (9:61-62).
 - a. Disciples cannot **hesitate**.
 - b. Disciples cannot **vacillate**

You can't say, Lord, and **me first** in the same sentence.