

**BREAKING
OPEN THE
WORD**

June 30, 2013
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 99
Gospel Lk 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."



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Spiritual Reflection:

Being a Christian means that our faith touches every aspect of our life including where we live, how we mourn, and how we interact with our family. It is by putting Christ first that we truly discover how to live the rest of our life. If I put Christ above my family, then I learn to love my family better and if I put Christ above mourning, I learn to mourn better because I have hope in the Resurrection.

Spiritual Questions

1. What keeps you from following Jesus?
2. How does your faith differ from when you are at Church, to when you are having fun, and to when you are at work?
3. How does following Christ make all aspects of life better?
4. What teachings of Jesus help you in your relationships with others?
5. How do you know God's will for you?

