

Jesus' Most Confounding Statements  
Let the Dead Bury Their Dead  
Luke 9:57-62

Following a sports team can be a fun endeavor, but fans come in two breeds: 1) Fair-weather fans follow a team only when it's winning. They like to cheer and following the best team available gives validity to their cheering. 2) Faithful fans hang in there through thick and thin. They develop a strong foundation to stand on as they support their team in both the ups and downs.

Following Jesus takes \_\_\_\_\_ over all other commitments.

1. Following Jesus takes us to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Following Jesus requires \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Following Jesus keeps our \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus allows no shortcuts to following Him. The cost is high, but the reward is great: a full, joy-filled life now and forever. We must be willing to let go of the past and focus on Christ daily as He leads us towards what lies ahead. We must evaluate our priorities knowing that Jesus doesn't guarantee comfort. We must embrace the cross with immediacy and urgency knowing that delay is disobedience.