

Written in Red: Hard Things Jesus Said

Don't Look Back

Luke 9:57-62

Introduction

At the height of his popularity, lots of people were following Jesus, hanging on his every word. Some stepped up to follow him; others offered excuses for why they couldn't follow him. You might be surprised by Jesus' ideas about what it means to follow him

Jesus will mess with your values (and your valuables)

*Can't I follow Jesus but stay exactly as I am right now?
Can't I include him in my lifestyle without making any changes?*

Jesus will interfere with all your relationships

Can't I follow Jesus by adding him to my circle of friends and family?

Jesus won't be your part-time lover

Can't I follow Jesus by squeezing him in when there's room in my schedule?

Personal Response

Following Jesus—really following him—not just admiring him from a distance or listening and liking what he says, but getting up and following him is the most

- Demanding
- Challenging
- Rewarding
- Frightening
- Fulfilling
- Amazing

life you can imagine. Nothing else comes close. Nothing else is really worth living for. And no one else is worth following. But Jesus!

Next Week: *You have to forgive*
Matthew 18:23-35