

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

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A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. In what ways may we “look back”?
2. What excuses do we make that stand in the way of following Jesus?

3. In what ways might you proclaim the kingdom of God in your life?

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

Special Petition: For a true spirit of vocation and call in the life of all the baptized.

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.