



The Journey to Jerusalem to be Rejected Begins

Luke 9:51 - 56

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Lit. "it came to be the days to be fulfilled completely the taking up"

- **Luke 9:51** (NKJV)
Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.



Lit. "to fulfill the day" used in Luke 9:51 and in Acts 2:1

- **Luke 9:51a** (NKJV)
Now it came to pass, when the time had come [*sumple_rousthai*] for Him to be received up (ascension)
- **Acts 2:1a** (NASB)
And when the day of Pentecost had come, [*sumple_rousthai*] (after ascension)



Jesus "sets His face" toward Jerusalem

■ **Luke 9:51** (NKJV)

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.



"set His face" = Isaiah allusion

■ **Isaiah 50:6, 7**

I gave My back to those who strike Me,
And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard;
I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.
For the Lord God helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced;
Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I shall not be ashamed.



Jesus sends "messengers" *aggelos* normally "angels"

■ **Luke 9:52** (NKJV)

and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him

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“messengers” *aggelos* “before his face” are from LXX Malachi 3:1

- **Malachi 3:1** (NKJV)
“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the Lord of hosts.

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“messengers” *aggelos* “before his face” is also in Luke 7:27

- **Luke 7:27** (NKJV)
This is he of whom it is written: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”
[John The Baptist / Elijah]

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They are sent to Samaria where Jews normally would not travel

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Jesus is not “welcomed” *dechomai*

■ **Luke 9:53** (NKJV)

But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.

Rejection of Jesus, His Disciples, and His Message is Thematic in Luke/Acts

- Luke 4:28-30 Rejection in Nazareth
- Luke 8:37 Rejection in Gerasa
- Luke 9:53 Rejection in Samaria
- Luke 23:23 Rejection in Jerusalem
- Acts 4:18 Rejection in Jerusalem
- Acts 5 – 21 Rejection in various cities
- Acts 22 Rejection in Jerusalem

Two Disciples who had just seen Elijah want to bring vengeance

■ **Luke 9:54** (NKJV)

And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?”

 **The Elijah and Fire Incident**
2Kings 1:1-17
Ahaziah, son of Ahab served Baal
He is injured and sends messengers to enquire of a false god
God sent Elijah to intervene

 **Jesus left out the judgment part of Isaiah 61:2**
■ **Luke 4:19**
“To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”
■ **Isaiah 61:2a**
“To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord
And the day of vengeance of our God”

 **John the Baptist prophesied fire**
■ **Luke 3:9, 17**
“And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”
“And His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”



John the Baptist later had doubts

■ **Luke 7:19**

And summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"



Jesus rebukes James and John

■ **Luke 9:55** (NKJV)

But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of."



Jesus had told the disciples to move on when rejected by a village

■ **Luke 9:56** (NKJV)

"For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

 **Applications and Implications**

- 1) Now is not yet the time for wrath, but we must warn people that it's coming
- 2) People who initially reject the gospel may yet receive it
- 3) To receive (welcome) the preached Word is to receive Christ

 1) Now is not yet the time for wrath, but we must warn people that it's coming

■ **Luke 10:10**

But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

 1) Now is not yet the time for wrath, but we must warn people that it's coming

■ **Luke 10:11, 12**

"Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near. I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city."

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■ **2Peter 3:7**

But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

1) Now is not yet the time for wrath, but we must warn people that it's coming

■ **2Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

2) People who initially reject the gospel may yet receive it

■ **Acts 7:58, 8:1a**

And when they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him, and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.



2) People who initially reject the gospel may yet receive it

■ **Acts 26:14, 15**

“And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.’”



3) To receive (welcome) the preached Word is to receive Christ

■ **Acts 8:12, 14**

But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. . . Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received [*dechomai*] the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,


