

Conditions to Follow Jesus

Matthew 8:18-22

(series #50)

Intro: Other passages about the conditions of discipleship
- Matthew 16:24-26

- Matthew 10:32-39

I. The Multitudes that Followed Jesus v. 18

- Compare Matthew 4:23-25

- a. Syria
- b. Galilee
- c. Decapolis
- d. Jerusalem
- e. Judea
- f. Beyond the Jordan (Perea)

II. The Interaction with a scribe vv. 19-20

A. The characterization of the scribes
- Matthew 23:13, 15, 25, 27

B. The reply of Jesus v. 20

III. The Interaction with another inquirer vv. 21-22

A. The request v. 21
- “Let me bury my father” = “Let me get my inheritance”

B. The reply v. 22
- “Let the dead bury their dead” = “Let the people of this world deal with temporal things.”

Conclusion: Jesus requires total surrender