

Message Notes

The cost of following Jesus

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - Greg and Stephanie Keating

Your experience of resolute determination

NEW Mini Series Setting His Face to Jerusalem

Today's Message: Luke 9:51-62
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SCENE #1

"He set his face to go to Jerusalem."
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Luke 9:57-58

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Person #3 - "You will do so now!"
Luke 9:61-62

Gospel Application

Jesus to you:

Will you "set your face" to follow me? What's holding you back?

Luke 9:51-62

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Ephesians 2:14-18

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**Your experience
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The Gospel of
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The King and His Kingdom
Luke 3:21 to Luke 9:50

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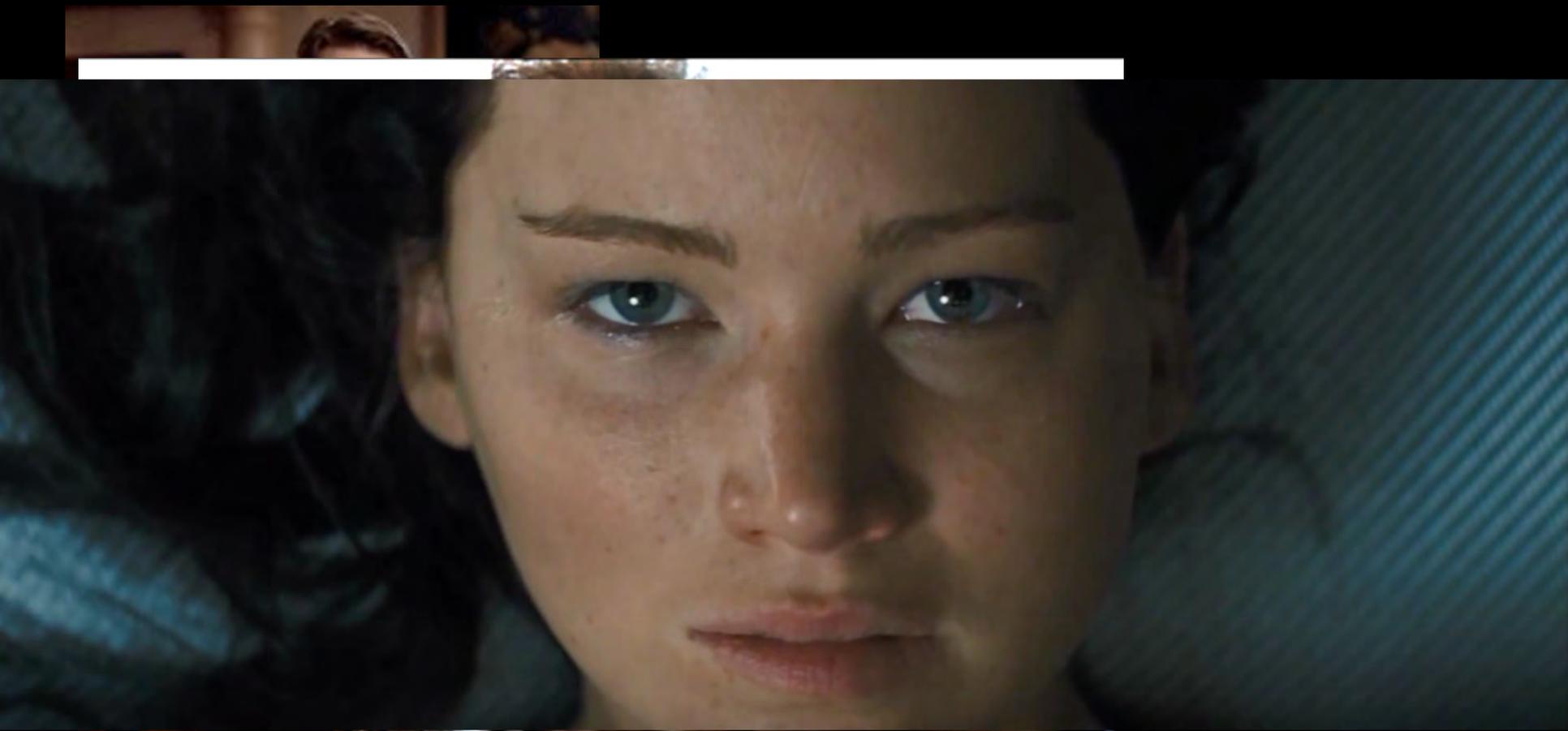
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51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. (ESV)







A man with brown hair, wearing a white shirt and a dark suit jacket, is shown from the chest up. He has a serious, slightly concerned expression. The background is a blurred interior with a warm, yellowish light source in an arched opening to the right. At the top of the image, there is a small inset showing a different scene with a white bar over it.

I'm gonna steal the Declaration of Independence.

Isaiah 50:7-9

7 Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

9 It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.

The response of the Samaritans

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John 4:19-26

19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

John 4:19-26

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.

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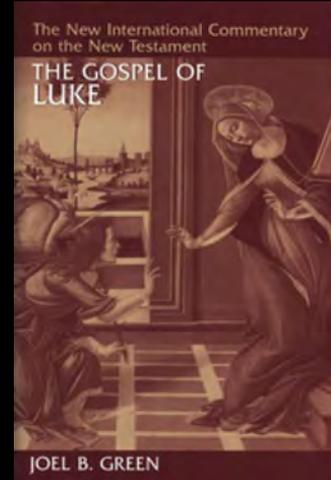
8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

SCENE #2: The Cost of Following Jesus



At center stage appear in tandem the importance of an orientation to God's purpose that relativizes all other commitments and considerations, and the hostility that such an orientation toward God will engender.

~Joel Green, New International Commentary
of the New Testament , The Gospel of Luke



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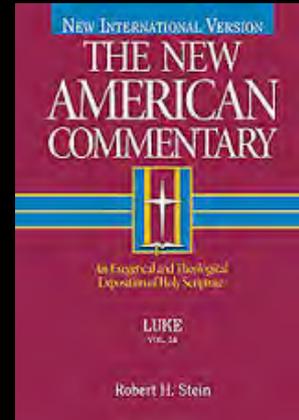
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For a Jew this was a religious duty having precedence over everything else. Only in the case of a temporary Nazirite vow (Num 6:6–7) or if one were the high priest (Lev 21:10–11) could one be absolved from this duty... Jesus demands an allegiance transcending even this greatest of filial obligations.

R.H. Stein,
Luke (Vol. 24),
Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers



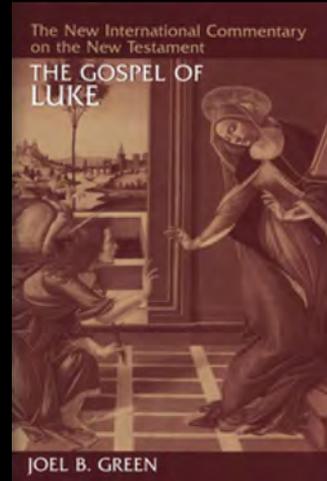
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It is notable that burying one's father and bidding father and mother farewell fall within the realm of assumed behavior for those who would honor their parents, as the Mosaic law required...(But) the presence of dual references to the kingdom of God announces the reorganization of former allegiances, with the result that one may be called upon, as in this case, to engage in behavior deemed deviant by normal conventions.

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