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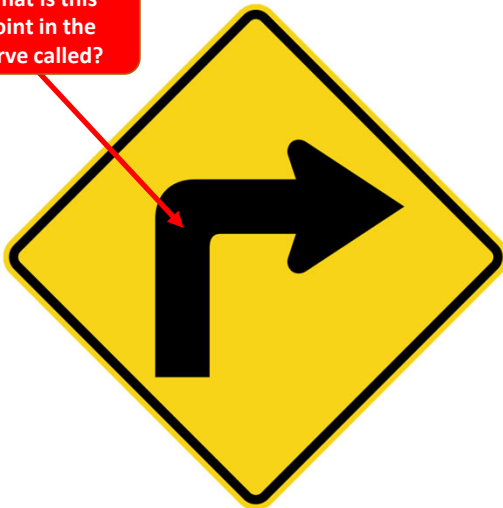
THE GOSPEL OF **LUKE**

That you may have certainty!

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What is this
point in the
curve called?

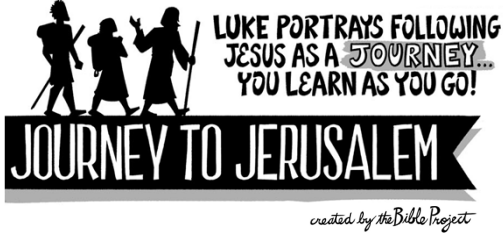


What does this road sign mean?

Is there a pivotal turning
point in your life that led
you to be here today?

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LUKE PORTRAYS FOLLOWING JESUS AS A JOURNEY... YOU LEARN AS YOU GO!

JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

created by the Bible Project

CONSISTS MOSTLY OF JESUS' PARABLES & TEACHING "ON THE ROAD"

9b-19a

TURNING POINT

The Journey to Jerusalem Begins

Luke 9:51-56
Luke 9:57-62

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JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Luke 9:51-19:44

- Acceptance/Rejection vs. Authentication
- Focused on Teaching: Sayings & Parables (17) dominate
- Miracles Scarce (4 here vs. 13 during Galilean ministry)
- **During the "Journey"**
 - Jesus began to complete His early mission
 - Prepare His disciples for His death
 - Challenge the Jewish leaders
 - Continue to move toward Jerusalem

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REJECTION IN SAMARIA

Luke 9:51-56

⁵¹ When the days were coming to a close for him to be taken up, he determined to journey to Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers ahead of himself, and on the way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But **they did not welcome him**, because he determined to journey to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them, ⁵⁶ and they went to another village.

REJECTION IN SAMARIA

Luke 9:51-56

- **What significant event on the horizon prompted Jesus' journey to Jerusalem? (9:51)**
- **Who were the Samaritans and why is it significant that Jesus traveled through Samaria? (9:52)**
- **Why didn't the Samaritans welcome Jesus? (9:53)**
- **Why were the Samaritans offended by Jesus' determination to reach Jerusalem? (9:53)**
 - ❖ Samaritans worshiped at Mount Gerizim, rather than at Mount Zion
 - ❖ Samaritans already felt like second class citizens
 - ❖ Jesus chose Jerusalem (Zion) over Gerizim

REJECTION IN SAMARIA

Luke 9:51-56

- **Why was Jesus' rejection in Samaria important?**
 - ❖ Rejection was not limited to Jews or to Israel or its leadership
 - ❖ Rejection of Jesus was/is widespread
- **What did James and John want to do to the Samaritans villagers? Why? (9:54)**
- **What did Jesus think of their suggestion? (9:55)**
- **What did Jesus do about the Samaritans' rejection? (9:56)**

FOLLOWING JESUS

Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷ As they were traveling on the road someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus told him, "Foxes have dens, and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." ⁵⁹ Then he said to another, "**Follow me.**"

"Lord," he said, "first let me go bury my father."

⁶⁰ But he told him, "**Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.**"

⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me go and say good-bye to those at my house."

⁶² But Jesus said to him, "**No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.**"

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Luke 9:57-62

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- **Where were Jesus and His disciples when this story began? (9:57)**
- **What did Jesus demand from the men?**
 - ❖ **Total commitment**
 - To be a disciple takes resolve
 - Disciples place Jesus and the kingdom first
 - The choice to follow Jesus is not an easy one
- **What's different about one of the men? (9:57, 59, 61)**
 - ❖ The 1st and 3rd men volunteered
 - ❖ The 2nd man was called by Jesus
- **How are the three men like each other?**
 - ❖ The demands of discipleship are the same no matter how one comes to Jesus

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JESUS

Luke 9:57-62

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- **Why do you think Jesus reacted so strongly to the second man's request? (9:60)**
 - ❖ Would the man have been traveling with Jesus if his father had already died?
 - ❖ How would a dead person bury a dead person; what type of death is Jesus talking about?
- **What is Jesus' main point in this passage?**
 - ❖ Jesus' demands are new and radical
 - ❖ Nothing is to block pursuit of discipleship
 - ❖ Nothing is to postpone its start
 - ❖ One cannot follow two things at once; following Jesus means making Him the compass of your life.
 - ❖ Discipleship is not an emotional decision of one moment in time, but rather a permanent way of life.

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- When someone rejects you because of prejudice or for a petty reason do you handle it like Jesus did?
- Remember Jesus' response to the Samaritans the next time you feel a desire to retaliate or get even.
- With whom in your circle of family or friends can you affirm your desire to completely follow Jesus?
- In what area of life do you struggle to put Jesus first; how can you surrender that area to Him this week?
- Who/what is the compass of your life?