

A Call to Worship

April 7, 2019

Matthew 8:18-22

- I. Where will following Jesus take us?
 - A. “Gethsemane, and Golgotha, and the tomb” (Ibn Sa’id; see Mt. 16:24)
 - B. And it means mission (to Gerasa and beyond)

- II. What is the scribe asking to do?
 - A. What a “scribe” (see Mt. 13:52)
 - B. The Rabbi’s follower?

- III. What is the disciple asking to do?
 - A. Wait until his aging father dies, or
 - B. Deal with his recently deceased father’s estate, or
 - C. Bury his just deceased father's body

- IV. What does Christ call his disciples to?
 - A. Holiness, devotion, sacrifice, worship (see Mal. 2:15)
 - B. To not give him the second best, like Cain (Cyril of Alexandria; see Ps. 110:3)
 - C. To put Christ and his mission before home (*Epistle to Diognetus* 5; 1 Pet. 1:1-2)
 - D. To put Christ and his mission before family (see Lev. 21:10-11)
 - E. Not to make Christ wait

- V. A call to worship (Rom. 12:1; Acts 17:7)

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18 Naye Yesu alipoona makutano mengi wakimzunguka, aliamuru kuvuka kwenda ng'ambo.

19 Mwandishi mmoja akamwendea, akamwambia, Mwalimu, nitakufuata ko kote uendako.

20 Yesu akamwambia, Mbweha wana pango, na ndege wa angani wana viota; lakini Mwana wa Adamu hana pa kulaza kichwa chake.

21 Mwingine katika wanafunzi wake akamwambia, Bwana, nipe ruhusa kwanza, niende nikamzike baba yangu.

22 Lakini Yesu akamwambia, Nifuate; waache wafu wazike wafu wao.