

Fit for the Kingdom

Luke 9:57-62

Luke 9:51

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.

Luke 9:58

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So Elijah ... found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.

And Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, **“Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.”**

And Elijah said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?”

So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate.

Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

1 Kings 19:19-21

Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities ...

But Lot's wife looked back ... and became a pillar of salt.

Gen 19:24-26

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Christian = Χριστιανός *Christianos* (cf. Acts 11:26)
= **follower of Christ**

Matthew 5:13

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then *good for nothing* but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

Luke 9:23-25

“If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?”

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