

JESUS CHALLENGES HIS WITNESSES— Luke 9:18–26, 57–62
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In our study of Jesus' mission in Luke-Acts, we have seen Jesus prepare his witnesses (Luke 8) and commission his witnesses (Luke 9 and 10). But now Jesus *challenges* his witnesses by showing them the full meaning of what *coming after him* is all about. For being Jesus' witness is not only about knowing Jesus' power and blessing. Being his witness is also about a profound commitment. Jesus' words in these two texts answer three questions that all his witnesses must ask:

Last Lord's Day:

1. What does it cost to be Jesus' witnesses? (9:23)
 - a. Self-denial
 - b. Cross-carrying
 - c. Christ-following

Today:

2. What does the cost look like in practical terms? (9:57–62)
 - a. Sacrificing worldly welcome.
 - b. Sacrificing necessary duties.
 - c. Sacrificing family relationships.

3. What if I am unwilling to pay the price? (9:24–26)