

The Day Before

March 28, 2026

Coming into the Easter season – next week

Luke 9:51

“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.”

1. Jesus goes to Jerusalem
 - a. Knowing full well what was awaiting him
 - b. A day he has dreaded his whole life
 - c. He foreknew why he was coming to earth
2. This is something that every person who becomes a Christian
 - a. Must count the cost
 - b. Have a foreknowledge of what to expect

Luke 14:28–32

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.”

3. THE COST

Luke 14:25–27

“Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33

“In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.”

John 15:18–20

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.”

- a. Jesus counted the cost – every day of his life
- b. You don’t go into Christianity blindly
 - i. Some revival where you get all hyped p
 - ii. An impulsive decision