Luke 9:51-56   **Samaritans Reject Jesus Because He Is Going To Jerusalem**

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, 52 and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. 53 But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. 54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.   NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✞ The time has come for Jesus to be received up.   [Luke 9:51]
  - ✧ Jesus is now preparing for His entry into Jerusalem before His arrest and crucifixion.
  - ✧ He begins His journey by sending messengers before Him to prepare for Him.   [Luke 9:51-52]
  - ✧ This village of the Samaritans refused hospitality because Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem.   [Luke 9:53]
  - ✧ The disciples wanted to call down fire from Heaven to destroy them.   [Luke 9:54]
  - ✧ Jesus said that they were following the wrong spirit without knowing it.   [Luke 9:55]
    - ¤ As human beings, we are exposed to many spirits and need discerning to recognize what spirit we are listening to.
    - ¤ The spirits we may receive impulses from are our own spirit, demon spirits, and the Holy Spirit.
    - ¤ Discernment is necessary due to the cunning deceptiveness of the enemy.
- ✞ "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."   [Luke 9:56]
  - ✧ Jesus came the first time to take care of the sin problem and to provide the means of Salvation, saving us from the consequence of sin.   [Hebrews 9:28]
  - ✧ The next time He comes it will be as Judge of all the earth, to destroy the wicked and set up the Kingdom of God on earth.
  - ✧ So they went on to another village.