

**Luke and Matthew on excuses for not following
elements unique to each gospel in bold**

LUKE 9.57-62

As they were on the way, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; **but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.**"

Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

MATTHEW 8.18-22

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. A scribe then approached and said, "**Teacher**, I will follow you wherever you go."

And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Another **of his disciples** said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."