

## Matthew 8:18-22

<sup>18</sup>Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side *of the sea*. <sup>19</sup>Then a scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." <sup>20</sup>Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." <sup>21</sup>Another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." <sup>22</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."



### SERMON NOTES

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## I Have Decided

Matthew 8:18-22

A decision that will be made – by everyone.

The subject is following, not funerals.

- What does it mean?

Ruth 1:16 – "where you go, I will go..."

John 15:5 "abide in me"

Matthew 16:24-25 <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

- How is it possible?

Physically

Psychologically

Morally

Personally

- Before you decide (count the cost)

- After you decide (decide again)

Hebrews 6:4-6

<sup>4</sup>For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup>and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.