

# Matthew 8:18-22

**Introduction:** The cost of following Jesus as he is

**1. Following Jesus as he is necessarily leads to earthly uncertainty**

- Easy words

- Hard realities

**2. Following Jesus as he is necessarily demands our supreme love**

- An exclusive and universal priority (cf. Numbers 6:6-7; Leviticus 21:11)

- A love that orders all others (Matthew 12:48-49; 19:49)

**Conclusion:** The reward of following Jesus as he is