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Jesus is being deliberately harsh.

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The man’s request is referring to a second burial of bones one year later.

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The request is an idiom meaning “let me take care of my family responsibilities until my father dies.”



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***Discipleship Demands
Absolute Allegiance to Jesus.***

³⁴ “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?