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Matthew 8:19-20



Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Wildlife

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Red fox live around the world in many diverse habitats including forests, grasslands, mountains, and deserts. Although the male and female share the task of caring for their young, the female digs the hole, or den, in which the fox kits will be raised. These holes are so important the female will often dig a second hole just in case the original one is disturbed. Perhaps the rock fortress used by the red fox in our Visible Verse™ image was so safe it only needed one!

Jesus knew the teacher of the law would understand the importance of holes to fox and nests to birds, so he used them to make a powerful point; following Him is about the heart, not worldly comforts! Those who choose to follow Jesus Christ must place Him above the comforts and pleasures of this world that so easily entangle us. Even fox enjoy their holes and birds enjoy their nests while in His earthly ministry Jesus called no place home!

May you be encouraged to follow Christ regardless of the difficulty with every fox and bird you see!

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