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## The patience of God

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When the days for Jesus to be taken up were fulfilled,  
he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem,  
and he sent messengers ahead of him.  
On the way they entered a Samaritan village  
to prepare for his reception there,  
but they would not welcome him  
because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.  
When the disciples James and John saw this they asked,  
“Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven  
to consume them?”  
Jesus turned and rebuked them,  
and they journeyed to another village.  
(Lk 9:51-56)