



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 9 – Luke 9

People — Who is involved?

Twelve apostles – sent out to preach and heal
Herod – this is Herod Antipas
Peter, James, & John – at Jesus' transfiguration
Moses and Elijah – appeared at transfiguration
A man whose son was possessed by a demon
James & John offer to command fire to consume

Places — Where does it happen?

Apostles sent to villages of Galilee
A deserted place near Bethsaida (10)
Transfiguration at Mt. Tabor or Mt. Hermon
A village of the Samaritans (52)
On the road toward Jerusalem (57)

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs. 3 – The disciples were not to take provisions with them; they depended on those who received them.
Vs. 5 – This instruction is expanded upon in Mark 10:15-41.
Vs. 7 – This Herod Antipas had already killed John the Baptist (see v. 9 and Mark 6)
Vs. 14 – There were about 5000 males “besides women and children” (Matt. 14:21)
They were divided into groups of fifty making the distribution of the food orderly, less confusing.
Vs. 18 – This section (18-36) answers the questions: “Who do men say I am?” “Who do you say I am?” and “Who does God say I am?”
Vs. 23 – To take up our cross is to make whatever sacrifice is necessary to be faithful to and follow Jesus.
Vs. 27 – Jesus is not here talking about the end of the world because some would not die until they would see the kingdom of God.
Vs. 30 – Moses seems to be associated with the giving of the Law (called the Law of Moses)
Elijah seems to represent the prophets and to be associated with the prophecies of old.
Vs. 31 – They spoke of Jesus' decease (exodus) at Jerusalem. Moses and Elijah both had unique experiences at the end of their days on earth (Deut 34; 2 Kings 1). So would Jesus.
Vs. 33 – A tabernacle dedicated to someone was a place where that person would be honored.
Vs. 35 – When God says “hear Him,” he is indicating they would no longer hear Moses or Elijah, but instead they would hear His Son (see Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22-23; Heb. 1:1-3).
Vs. 50 – This story is reminiscent of a wilderness story involving Moses and Joshua (Num. 11:26-29).
Vs. 51 – Jesus moved from Galilee toward Jerusalem for the later part of his ministry.
Vs. 55 – Jesus rebuked James and John for their spirit and vengeful attitude.

Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

1. Jesus is truly the Son of God and His word should be followed and not previous pronouncements.
2. Jesus says a man must “deny himself.” More than just denying something to himself, Jesus wants us to deny “self” as our master and accept Jesus as our Master.
3. We should not let anything come before our spiritual commitment and our duty to God.