

## Luke's Gospel – An Inclusive Savior Lesson Twelve

### [Luke 9:1-6].....Complete Dependency

- vs.1-2                    Jesus exposes them to his power over a storm, a demon, a sick woman, and a dead girl before sending them out
- vs.3                     Jesus further gives them all that they needed to be successful
- vs.4                     Jesus is stating that the well-being of the disciples will be up to God - making them completely dependent upon the Lord.
- vs.5                     Don't shop around for the best home to stay in
- vs.6                     People were supposed to be hospitable to strangers, but especially to those doing the will of the Lord. If you reject the messenger of God, you reject God! Judgment will come.
- vs.6                     *Everywhere??* Luke is alluding to Acts meaning the disciples preached to and healed Jews and Gentiles

### [Luke 9:10-17].....Another "By-the-Way" Miracle

- vs.10                    Where did they return from? Being sent out(vs.6).
  - vs.11                    Point - we do ministry at home, and on vacation! There's NOT a time when we are not called to minister
  - vs.12                    Disciples' statement is not insensitive. They are concerned, for as it gets later, it would be harder for the people to find food and shelter
  - vs.13                    Disciples' sincerity cause them to overlook the obvious
  - vs.17                    The folks ate until they were full! And they still had leftovers
- NOTE:** Seemingly no one anticipated this miracle taking place which makes it a "by-the-way" miracle. Just as the miracle of water being turned to wine in John 2 shows us Jesus is concerned with our social well-being, this miracle shows us that Jesus is concerned with our physical well-being too. Jesus shows us that the spiritual and physical work together. It is hard to listen to and live a sermon while your stomach growls!

### [Luke 9:18-27].....Peter's Confession & Jesus' Response(?)

- vs.18-19                Public opinion is that Jesus is the forerunner of the Messiah(Christ)
  - vs.20-21                Jesus makes the question personal and Peter says "You're not the forerunner of the Christ, you **ARE** the Christ of God"
- NOTE:** Jesus does not respond with "Blessed are you Simon for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my father who art in heaven." Instead, he says, "don't tell anyone..." This could be because public knowledge of Jesus as the Christ could keep him or prolong him from death.
- vs.22                    Jesus *seemingly* comes to know all this through prayer(vs.18)
  - vs.23-25                It appears that Jesus is leading a pep rally for *martyrdom*(severe, long suffering; torment)
  - vs.23-25                Jesus is speaking truthfully about "sacrifice" and what we must give up to follow him
  - vs.23-25                Following Jesus is a voluntary act where the components of this act are to be performed "daily"

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The cost of disassociation by us is disownment by Jesus

This passage in Mark and Matthew's Gospels (Mark 9:1 & Matt. 16:28) use phrases that point to "the future coming of the Son of Man and the final ushering in of the reign of God" (*Craddock pg.131*). Luke is not neglecting the future, but he wants us to recognize that the kingdom of God is here "today" in Jesus.