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The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ – Lecture #42

Book and Chapter – Luke Chapters 9 & 10 (verses 1 – 20)

LUKE 9

Sending Out the Twelve

V1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

They cast out demons *in Jesus name*.

Question: What does in Jesus' name mean?

Answer: When we do anything in someone else's name, we're doing it in their stead, and with their permission, and by their authority.

When the Apostle Paul wrote his epistles "in Jesus' name." These letters had the full authority of God – and they were to be taken seriously. When the disciples used Jesus name to cast out demons they had his authority to do so.

Jesus has given us authority to use his name regularly – when we pray. Just before Jesus was crucified, he gave His true followers a special privilege. He explained to His disciples – "Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you" (**John 16:23-24**).

Jesus Christ has given us the privilege of using His name. Next to the name of the Father Himself, Jesus' name is the most important name in all the universe (**Philippians 2:9**). Jesus has immediate access to the Father. And He gave His people permission to use His name so that they could also go and talk to the Father.

V2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

V3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.

God wanted them to trust Him to provide their needs. His disciples would have to walk in faith!

V4 Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.

V5 And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

V6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

John the Baptist Beheaded

V7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,

V8 And by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again.

V9 And Herod said, “John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see Him.

At Herod’s palace opinions varied as to whether Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets that had been raised from the dead.

And, although this passage suggests that Herod was uncertain about Jesus’ identity, **Matthew 14:2** and **Mark 6:16** indicate that Herod thought that Jesus was John the Baptist resurrected from the dead.

Matthew 14:1-2: V1 “At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus
V2 And said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

Mark 6:16 “But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!”

Feeding the Five Thousand

This is the only miracle of Jesus’ ministry that appears in all four Gospels (see **Matthew 14:13-21**; **Mark 6:30-44**; **John 6:5-14**).

V10 And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. And He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

V11 But when the multitudes knew *it*, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

V12 When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.”

V13 But He said to them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.”

V14 For there were about five thousand men. And He said to His disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of fifty.”

V15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

V16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke *them*, and gave *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude.

V17 So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

V18 And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

V19 So they answered and said, “John the Baptist, but some *say* Elijah; and others *say* that one of the old prophets has risen again.”

V20 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.”

Question: Why is Jesus called “the Christ?”

Answer: The name “Christ” signifies “the Anointed One” or “Messiah”. Jesus was called “Christ” because He fulfilled the office of the prophesied Messiah.

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

V21 And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one.

V22 Saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

The disciples struggled to understand what Jesus was saying (**verse 45**). They did not fully comprehend what Jesus was telling them. *Only after* Jesus’ resurrection did they begin to understand fully what Christ was telling them about his death and resurrection and how that fit into God’s Plan (**Luke 24:25-27; Luke 24:44-49**).

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

V23 Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

V24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Take up his cross daily – Jesus warned His disciples that following Him would involve suffering and hardship.

Matthew 5:10-12: V10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

V11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

V12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Romans 8:17 “And if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.”

V25 For what advantage is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

A wise person will invest their resources – their time, talents and wealth – in what is eternal.

Romans 8:18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

II Corinthians 4:16-18: V16 “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

V17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

V18 While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.”

I Peter 4:12-13: V12 “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

V13 But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”

V26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father’s, and of the holy angels.

I Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

II Timothy 2:12 “If we endure, we shall also reign with *Him*, if we deny *Him*, He also will deny us.”

Revelation 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

V27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.”

Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

The Transfiguration

In **Matthew's account** – **Matthew 17:9** – “Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, ‘Tell **the vision** to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.’” A *vision* is not a material reality; it is a supernatural scene observed in the “mind’s eye.”

Moses was dead and buried long before this event (**Deuteronomy 34:5-6**). So was Elijah. The disciples saw these men only in the glory of the resurrection – and event which will not actually occur until the Second Coming of Christ (**Hebrews 11:39; I Thessalonians 4:13-17**).

The account of the transfiguration – in both Matthews Gospel and account and here in Luke’s account explain **Luke 9:27** – “But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.” Since God’s kingdom has NOT yet been established here on earth and the disciples did all die, the obvious meaning is that some of the disciples were to be shown the splendor or the kingdom in a vision. And so they were, through the transfiguration.

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V28 And it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He [*Jesus*] took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

Question: What actually happened on the mountain?

Answer: The disciples Peter, James and John were shown a vision. We call this vision the *Transfiguration* because Jesus was changed in form or appearance, or transfigured.

This occurred some six months before Christ’s death.

V29 And as He prayed, the appearance of his face was altered, and His robe *became* white and glistening.

V30 Then behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

V31 Who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease [*literally “exodus”*] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

We can draw a parallel between the Transfiguration and another Old Testament event: the Exodus. When Christ, the God of the Old Testament (**I Corinthians 10:4**) brought Israel out of Egypt, He allowed His servant Moses to see part of himself in His glorified state (**Exodus 33:18-23**).

When Christ was about to bring mankind out of sin in a spiritual exodus, and about to found His New Testament Church, He again allowed His servants – in this case, the disciples who were to become the leading apostles – to see Him glorified.

In the Transfiguration, the disciples had proof that the same One who had led ancient Israel would lead them and many others by His Spirit.

This spiritual exodus from sin was to be accomplished by Christ's death or *decease*, of which He spoke to Moses and Elijah in the vision. It's interesting to note that the Greek word for *decease* means "departure" – literally *exodus* – "meaning the way out."

V32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

V33 And it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" – not knowing what he said.

The Jews had a custom that they were not to construct booths for the Feast of Tabernacles until after the Feast of Trumpets. Therefore, though the Bible doesn't say when the vision took place, the narrative indicates that it possibly occurred on or immediately following Trumpets, the Holy Day that pictures Christ's return in power and glory.

The Transfiguration confirmed in a dramatic way, what was already prophesied. That Christ is coming in power to change us by a resurrection from the dead and give us kingship "...into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (**II Peter 1:10-11**).

V34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud.

V35 Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

The reference to *beloved Son* recalls the words of **Psalms 2:7; Isaiah 42:1**.

Psalms 2:7 "I will declare the decree; the LORD has said to Me, You *are* My Son, today I have begotten You."

Isaiah 42:1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

Note: The title *My Servant* is identified with Jesus Christ in the New Testament (**Matthew 12:15-21**).

A voice came out of the cloud – Jesus said in **John 5:37** "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form." But didn't Peter, James and John hear it at the Transfiguration? It was not the voice of God, but merely *a voice*. It did not come from the heights of heaven but from *the cloud which overshadowed them*. This was the voice of an angel acting as a spokesman for God.

Tomorrow's World Magazine – June 1971 – Answers to your questions – p. 45.

V36 And when the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Peter recounted this event years later in his second epistle (**II Peter 1:18-19**) – and he wanted us to understand that the event was prophetic. The transfiguration must have greatly encouraged the disciples who witnessed it. For us who understand its significance in our present and future, it is a great encouragement, too.

A Boy Is Healed

V37 Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.

V38 Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, “Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child.

V39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams *at the mouth*, and bruising him, it departs from him with great difficulty.

V40 So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”

The disciples lacked the faith to cast out the spirit.

V41 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”

V42 And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed *him*. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

V43 And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples,

V44 “Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.”

Let these words sink down into your ears – Jesus once again was stating very clearly what was about to happen – how He would suffer and die in accordance with the plan of God.

V45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

Who Is the Greatest?

V46 Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be the greatest.

V47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,
V48 And said to them, “Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.”

Jesus’ point was that prominence is not measured by human standards of achievement.

Ephesians 2:4-11: V4 “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

V5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

V6 Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.

V7 But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of servant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

V8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even death of the cross.

V9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.

V10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

V11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

If you wish to be great in the Kingdom of God – learn to serve!

He Who Is Not Against Us Is For Us

V49 Then John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.”

V50 But Jesus said to *him*, “Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is for us.”

A Samaritan Village Rejects the Savior

V51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

At this point in Christ’s ministry ***He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.*** Jesus attention was turning toward His suffering and death. Luke’s Gospel account emphasizes this journey to Jerusalem. The journey was not a direct route, however. In **Luke 10:38-42** – we find Jesus at Martha and Mary’s house in Bethany. In **Luke 17:11** – we find Him in Samaria and Galilee. Luke records much of Jesus’ teaching and parables on this journey.

V52 And sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.

V53 But they did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem.

There was a deep hostility between the *Samaritan's* and the Jews.

V54 And when His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?”

James and John – “the sons of thunder,” wanted Jesus to bring judgment upon the Samaritan villages that refused to receive Jesus – just as Elijah had done in **II Kings 1:9-16**.

V55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.

V56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save *them*.” And they went to another village.

The Cost of Discipleship

V57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.”

V58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.”

V59 Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”

V60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:59-60 & Matthew 8:22

The context of Christ’s statement reveals that He offered this man an opportunity to participate in His ministry and become a teacher of the way that leads to eternal life. When this man said that he had to first go and bury his father, Christ told him to let the “dead” (those unaware of spiritual matters) bury their dead.

Was Christ telling this man not to attend his father’s funeral? No, that is not what Jesus meant. A funeral usually takes only a short time, and Christ continually showed that Christians are to show compassion and show proper respect for others. (In **Luke 7:11-15** – we read the short account of Jesus having met a funeral procession during His ministry.)

Why, then, did Christ answer this man in such a manner?

He realized that the man was only making excuses. Probably, the young man’s father was an elderly man with not much time left to live. This man, leaning on his father’s condition, tried to put off the responsibility that was offered to him. Obviously, the man’s priorities were not based on faith and serving God first (**Matthew 6:33**). Had the young man wanted to, he could have

found a way, without showing any disrespect, to have his father cared for and still serve God. That is why Christ told him to let the spiritually dead (those who were not being called – **Ephesians 2:1**) continue to live their lives as seemed best to them.

This account illustrates how we should not let undue concern over physical matters distract us from serving God once He has called us to do His work (**John 6:44, 65**). You may wish to read again the parable of the sower.

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V61 And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house.”

V62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Jesus emphasized that if one is to follow Him that that person must have clear priorities, and that God must receive priority over everything else! Jesus’ remark about being *fit for the kingdom of God* demonstrates the seriousness of commitment to Him.

Putting a *hand to the plow* means engaging in a task. Here the task is following Jesus and serving Him. *Looking back* makes it difficult to plow straight furrows.

LUKE 10

The Seventy Sent Out

V1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before his face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

The instructions that Jesus gave to the *seventy* are similar to the instructions that He gave to the Twelve (**Luke 9:1-6**).

V2 Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

V3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

V4 Carry neither money bag, sack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

V5 But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’

V6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

V7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

Did you know that long before the coming of Jesus Christ, the pagan world had its door-to-door representatives? The ancient pre-Christian world teemed with different religious sects, all vying

with one another for converts. Many of them were attempting to spread their doctrines and win new adherents by preaching *from house to house*.

True Christians know and understand that God is the One who calls and converts people (**John 6:44**). They recognize, therefore, that it would be completely futile – and actually contrary to God’s will – to go out and attempt to win converts by preaching from *house to house*. The pagans had to do the converting themselves in order to gain followers, because their god was nonexistent, and the real God was not calling anyone to their religion.

Christ never preached from door to door. He specifically instructed His disciples – “Do not go from house to house.”

John, the last survivor of the original twelve apostles, admonished the followers of Christ: “If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him” (**II John 10**).

No truth could be learned from the preaching or writings of these disseminators of error.

V8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

V9 And heal the sick *who are* there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

The kingdom of God has come near you – Jesus’s ministry then, was a type of what is to come. When Jesus came the first time, He was rejected. At His Second Coming He will establish His complete rule over all.

V10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

V11 The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.’

V12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

Woe to the Impenitent Cities

V13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented a great while ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

V14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

V15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be thrust down to Hades.

V16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

Jesus spoke of a time of judgment when the ancient peoples of Tyre and Sidon would be given an opportunity to understand what he had been preaching to the people of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. Jesus' comments were intended to wake the people up!

When we compare this account and Matthew's account (**Matthew 12:41-42**) – Christ mentioned the people of Tyre and Sidon, Sodom, Nineveh in Jonah's time and the Queen of the South. All of these examples of people who lived in different generations are compared to those who lived in the cities and towns of Jesus' day, the vast majority of whom did not understand or believe His message. Jesus tells us that they will all be resurrected with the generation that lived during His time!

Jesus gave enough examples of people living at widespread times to prove that most of humanity will be brought back to life at the same time on this earth. Those resurrected in the Great White Throne Judgment (the Second Resurrection) includes all people of all times except those who will have already been born of God, and those people who already had their opportunity to receive eternal life, but deliberately rejected it and sinned willfully – who will resurrected in the third and final resurrection, and destroyed in the lake of fire (**Revelation 20:13-15**).

The Seventy Return with Joy

V17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

V18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

This comment shows that Jesus, as a human, could look back in time. He remembered being with God and seeing *Satan fall like lightning from heaven!*

Jesus was looking back to the time **Ezekiel** describes in:

Ezekiel 28:14-16: V14 "You *were* the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

V15 You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

V16 By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones."

Of course the demons are subject to Jesus Christ – he *created* them.

V19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

V20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

More important than the disciples' authority over *spirits* was having their names written in the *Book of Life*.