Good Tidings of Great Joy
Studies in the Gospel of Luke

Fitness for the Kingdom of God
Lesson 10

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Gospel of Luke – Outline

1. Prologue (1:1-4)
2. The Preparation for Jesus’ Ministry (1:5-4:13)
3. The Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
4. The Judean/Perean Ministry (9:51-19:27)
5. The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
The Life of Christ

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### Opening Events
- John introduces Jesus: John 1:19 ff.
- Jesus cleanses temple: Mark 1:14
- Early Galilean: Mark 1:21
- Jesus returns to Galilee: Matthew 15:21
- Jesus ordains twelve: Mark 3:14
- To Tyre and Sidon: John 7:10
- To the feast of tabernacles: John 10:22-39

### First Year
- John 1:19-18
- John 4:42
- Luke 6:12
- John 7:1

### Second Year
- John 1:14
- John 4:12
- Matthew 1:1
- John 11:1

### Third Year
- Matthew 11:1
- John 18:35
- Matthew 21:1
- John 21:25
- John 13:22
- Mark 11:1

### Obscurity (Vanishing)
- Early Ministries
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### Popularity (Declining)
- Extended Ministries
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- Jesus returns to Galilee: Matthew 15:21
- Jesus ordains twelve: Mark 3:14
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- To the feast of tabernacles: John 10:22-39

### Opposition (Increasing)
- Specialized Ministry
- Jesus cleanses temple: Mark 1:14
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Galilean and Perean Ministries

- **Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)**
  - 20 months
  - 5 chapters
  - 14 miracles
  - 8 discourses including 7 parables

- **Perean Ministry (9:51-19:27)**
  - 6 months
  - 10 chapters
  - 4 miracles
  - 37 discourses including 24 parables
The Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

- Preaching the Kingdom of God
- Asks and answers the question: Who is Jesus?
  Nazareth (4:22), Pharisees (5:21), citizens of Nain (7:16), John the Baptist (7:19), Simon (7:39), Simon’s guests (7:49), disciples (8:25), Herod (9:7-9)
- Introduces the importance of faith

- Answers the question: Who is this man?
  - The confession of Peter – “the Christ of God”
  - The word of the Father – “My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!”
- Introduces the coming death of Christ (9:22, 31, 44)
- A change to a focus on the disciples
  - 12 disciples chosen without comment (6:12-16)
  - Ministry of Christ included disciples and supporters (8:1-3)
  - Disciples: 9 times (Luke 1-8); 9 times (Luke 9); 26 times (Luke 10-22)

- Disciples sent to proclaim and heal (9:1-11)
- Disciples feed 5000 (9:12-17)
- Disciples confess Christ (9:18-27)
- Disciples see Christ’s glory (9:28-36)
- Disciples cannot cast out a demon (9:37-45)
- Disciples argue about greatness (9:46-50)
Disciples Proclaim and Heal (9:1-11)

- Proclaim the Kingdom of God and perform healing
- Power and authority over all demons and diseases
  - Moses (Law), Elijah (prophets) and Christ/Apostles (New Covenant era)
  - Proclamation is the main work
    - Acts 1:8, 1 Cor 2:2-3; 2 Tim 4:1-2 and Eph 4:11-16
- No preparation for temporal needs
  - Take nothing for your journey
  - Stay in one house . . .
  - Dust off your feet
- Herod (9:7-9)
  - A successful mission – he saw Jesus
  - Guilt: A man who is laden with the guilt of human blood will be a fugitive until death; let no one support him. Prov 28:17 NASB (1995)
- Jesus resumed His ministry
Disciples Feed 5,000 (9:12-17)

- Matt 14:13:21; Mark 6:32-44; John 6:5-13
- “You give them something to eat.”
- Their inability to do so
- Prepare for dinner!
- Jesus gave the bread and fish to His disciples to feed the people
Disciples Confess Christ (9:18-27)

- "Who do people say that I am?"
  - John the Baptist, Elijah, prophets of old
- "Who do you say that I am?"
  - "The Christ of God" "The Expected One"
- What made the difference?
- Prediction of His death (9:22)
  - Rejected by the elders, chief priests, scribes
  - Death and resurrection on the 3rd day
A True Confession (9:23-27)

- A commitment to “come after Me”
  - Must: deny self; take up cross; follow Me
  - Lose your life for self OR lose your life for Christ’s sake
  - Two bidders for your soul: Christ and the world
  - The Divine perspective – being ashamed of Him and His word
  - Accept the offense of the cross OR compromise with the world

- A help for faith – a foretaste of the Kingdom of God
Disciples See Christ’s Glory (9:28-36)

- Transfiguration of Christ
  - Only seen by 3 disciples
  - A foretaste of the Kingdom – Christ glorified in the flesh
  - Moses and Elijah with Him – living in glory, but waiting
  - Conversation – “His departure” to come at Jerusalem

- Peter, James and John asleep
  - Awakened to see “His glory and the two men standing with Him”
  - Peter – “Good to be here . . .”
  - A voice from heaven – Hear Him (Deuteronomy 18:15)
Disciples’ Inability (9:37-45)

- A surprising reality – a fierce battle for souls
- Disciples could not cast out the demon
- An “unbelieving and perverted generation”
- Whose lack of faith?
  - Disciples had expectation from previous experience
  - Father had expectation of disciples
- Christ healed – “the greatness of God”
- A second announcement of Jesus coming death
Disciples and Greatness (9:46-50)

- Compared to each other
  - A sin of the heart – Jesus knew their hearts
  - Must receive this child in Christ’s Name
  - Pride of ignorance

- Compared to other ministers
  - A house divided? (Luke 11:14-18)
  - Numbers 11:29; 1 Corinthians 1:11-12; Philippians 1:15-18
  - Pride cloaked in piety
Fitness for the Kingdom of God

› True faith
  • Jesus is the Christ of God – Follow Him!
  • Jesus is the Son of God – Hear Him!

› True disciples
  • The need to forsake all and follow Christ
  • Dependence on Him for ministry
  • The mind of Christ – humility