

Good Tidings of Great Joy
Studies in the Gospel of Luke

Fitness for the Kingdom of God
Luke 9:1-50
Lesson 10

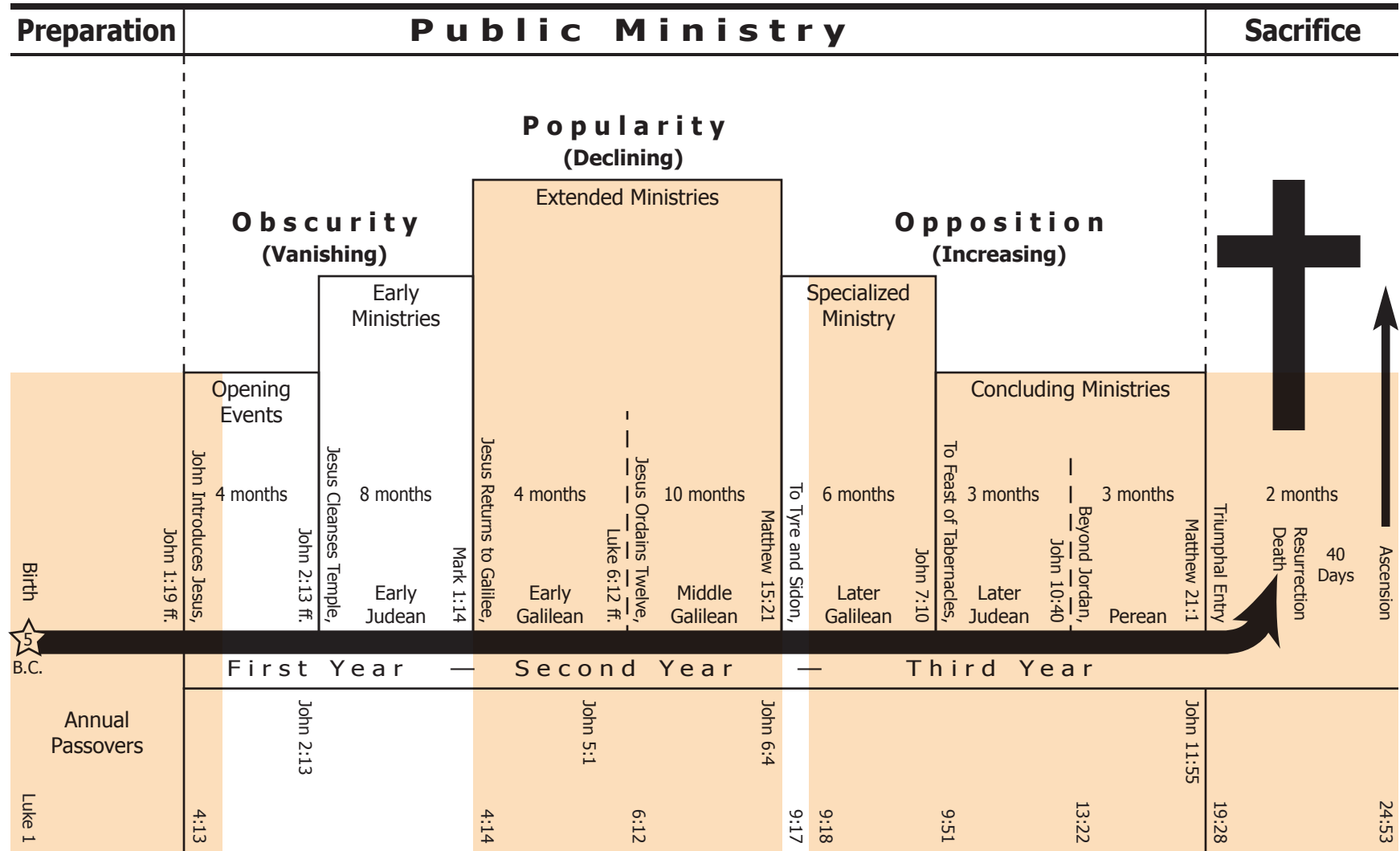
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Gospel of Luke – Outline

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)
6. The Consummation of His Work (22:1-24:53)

The Life of Christ

Showing coverage by Luke (shaded)



Galilean and Perea Ministries

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

Luke 9:1-50

- ▶ 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)

Outline of Luke 9:1-50

- ▶ 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
 - Luke 22:35 – “We lacked nothing.”
- ▶ 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?
 - Luke 10:21-24; 2 Corinthians 4:4
- ▶ 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