



Luke 9, 10, 11

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- What's in these Chapters?
- What are some of the themes?
- What are messages for us today?

- A thorough overview,
- with focus on a couple of passages.
- Open with prayer.

Background within Luke 9 – 11

- 9:28 – 36. Transfiguration (Jesus' supernatural confirmation)
- 9:51. "Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."
- Prelude to Acts. Jesus Begins to Form a Community

Filled with stories about the mission of the disciples.

What does it mean to be a disciple?

Growing group of disciples do ministry!

- 9:1-6. Twelve sent out
- 9:49-50. Someone else healing in Jesus' name: Stop? No, Good!
- 10:1-23. 72 sent out (2 by 2)
 - With no physical provisions
 - **Empowered** and given authority
 - **Heal** the sick and free the possessed (demons of mental/physical illness/handicap?)
 - **Proclaim** the kingdom of God
 - Be content with any positive reception
 - Say message & leave any negative reception – God will judge (harshly)
 - 9:51-56. Samaritans don't welcome: Destroy? No! (Just go on.)
 - Return: Joy of disciples, joy of Jesus, blessed are the disciples
- 9:10-17. **Feed** the 5,000 “You give them something to eat.”

Shortcomings, Expectations, Reliance on God

- 9:18-20. Who is Jesus? Messiah! (9: 7-9 Herod was curious)
- 9:21-27 & 44. But means suffer & die
 - “Disciples must **deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me.**”
- 9:45. Disciples baffled by this and transfiguration
- 9:28-36. **Listen** to God’s Son! (transfiguration)
- 9:37-43. Disciples fail to heal epilepsy; Jesus heals
- 9:46-48. Disciples argue who is greatest
 - Jesus welcomes little child; the least is greatest – **be humble!**
- 9:57-62. Cost of following Jesus
 - Must be #1 priority (even over bury father, see Chp 12,14) – **be resolute!**
- 11:1-4. **Pray!** Lord’s Prayer.
- 11:5-11. Stories about how humans respond when asked; how much more God.
 - “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”



Featured Disciples:

- 10:25-37. The Good Samaritan
- 10:38-42. Martha & Mary

10:25-37. The Parable of the Good Samaritan

- Expert in Jewish law, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- Knew correct answer: love God and love neighbor.
- Wanting to justify himself, “And who is my neighbor?”
 - Inner Story about victim, priest, Levite, and Samaritan
- “Which one was a neighbor?”
- “The one who had mercy on him.”
- “Go and do likewise.”

Martha and Mary

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Misunderstandings (end of 11)

- 11:14-28. Does Jesus power come from the devil?
 - “a house divided against itself will fall.”
- 11:29-32. Give us a sign. No, except the sign of Jonah (3 days?).
- 11:33-36. Lamp, light, eye.
 - See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.
- 11:37-54. Woes to Pharisees
 - Clean outside, not inside
 - Religious practice but don't give to the poor
 - Love important seats (status)
 - Burden and hinder others
 - Building to prophets (but not listening to them)

Discussion Questions:

- What **idea from** the study of **Luke 9-11** is meaningful to you today?
- **How can we be disciples?**
- What do you learn from the **Good Samaritan or Mary & Martha** story today?

Share your thoughts!