

THE BOOK OF LUKE

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LUKE 9

In our study of this chapter, we will focus especially on three themes:

1 — **Jesus' identity:** *Who is he? How did people discover his true identity?*

2 — **Following Jesus:** *What does it mean to be Jesus' follower? How should the decision to follow him affect a follower's thinking and behavior?*

3 — **Jesus' Destination:** *Where is Jesus going? What will happen when he gets there? Why, at this point in the story, does Luke point out where Jesus is going?*

Luke 9:1-6 — Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

9:1-2 — Jesus' mission for his disciples: drive out all _____, cure _____, proclaim the _____ of God, and heal the _____.

9:3-4 — What do you think might have been the purpose of these instructions?

following: Judging from verses 1-5, what challenges might have faced these twelve chosen followers of Jesus as they went out to do their work?

Luke 9:7-9 — Herod's Perspective on Jesus

9:9 — How had John the Baptist died? _____

• *The full story of John's death is in Mark 6:14-29.*

9:7-8 — What rumors was Herod hearing about Jesus' identity?

9:9 — Herod tried to _____ Jesus.

identity: Notice that at this point in Jesus' ministry, he and his power are becoming sufficiently well-known to attract the attention of the local king and to spark the people's interest in—and confusion about—his identity.

Luke 9:10-17 — Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

9:12-13 — How did Jesus want the Twelve to solve the problem of feeding this great crowd?

9:13 — What resources did the Twelve have available for feeding the crowd?

• How big was the crowd? _____

9:17 — After everyone had been fed, how many leftovers remained? _____

following: Consider how Jesus challenged the assumptions of the twelve apostles about whether they had the resources to feed the crowd (assumptions based on the laws of physics!). How should following Jesus affect the way we think about the resources available to us to do what God desires?

Luke 9:18-27 — Jesus' Identity & Destiny

9:18 — The crowds said Jesus was _____, or _____, of one of the _____ of long ago come back to life.

9:20 — Peter said Jesus was God's _____.

9:22 — Jesus predicted that he must _____ many things, be _____ by the Jewish leaders, and be _____—and on the _____ day he would be raised to life.

9:23 — Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be my disciples must _____ themselves and take up their _____ daily and _____ me.”

9:26 — Jesus warned, “Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be _____ of them when he comes in his _____ and in the glory of the Father and of the holy _____.”

following: What does it cost to follow Jesus? What is potential gain of following Jesus?

Luke 9:28-36 — The Transfiguration

9:30 — What two great Israelites of old appeared and spoke with Jesus? _____ & _____

9:33 — What did Peter want to do for these three distinguished men?

9:35 — The voice from the cloud said, “This is my _____, who I _____; _____ to him.”

identity: According to the voice from the cloud, who is Jesus? _____

following: According to the voice, what should Jesus’ followers do? _____

destination: Verse 31 — What was about to come to fulfillment at Jerusalem? What event do you think this refers to?

Luke 9:37-43a — Jesus and a Demon-Possessed Boy

9:39 — What did the spirit do to the boy?

9:41 — What frustration did Jesus express with the current generation?

Luke 9:43b-50 — Seeking Greatness

9:44 — What prophecy did Jesus give here? _____

9:46 — What did the disciples argue about? _____

9:47 — Whom did Jesus use to settle this argument? _____

9:48 — Jesus said, “It is the one who is _____ among you all who is the _____.”

9:49 — John said the disciples tried to stop someone who was driving out demons in Jesus’ _____, because he was not one of them. How did Jesus reply?

following: How does following Jesus change the way we should think about authority, position, and power?

Luke 9:51-56 — Samaritans Do Not Welcome Jesus

9:51 — Jesus resolutely set out for _____.

9:52-53 — The Samaritans did not welcome Jesus because he was heading for _____.

9:54 — How did James & John respond to this rejection?

9:55 — How did Jesus reply to James & John? _____

destination: Notice that Jesus now turns resolutely toward his destination. Geographically, he will travel around for a while yet before going there. But in purpose, he is focused on that destination and the work he will accomplish there. (Luke will remind us in 13:22 and 17:11 that Jesus is still going there. Jesus will arrive in chapter 19.)

Luke 9:57-62 — Three Potential Followers

following: Which of these three responses from Jesus do you find most unexpected? What do you think Jesus might be trying to teach the person to whom he gives this response?