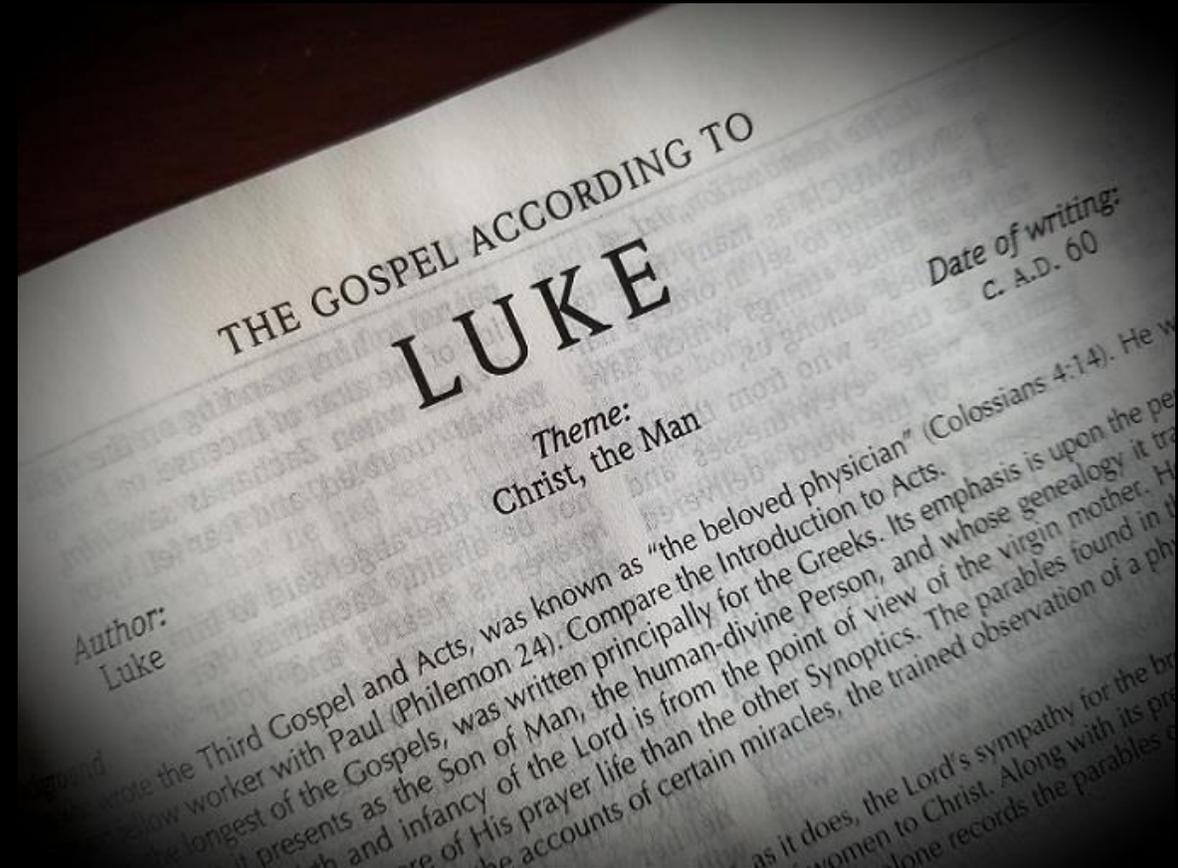


Verse by Verse

Luke 9



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- Toward the beginning of his public life, Christ was rejected in the synagogue at Nazareth.
- Still, his ministry of healing, preaching and teaching continued to grow.
- We've heard extensive bits of teaching from Jesus, some of it in memorable parables, like the Parable of the Sower.
- We have also seen him work miracles, including two separate times where he raised someone from the dead.

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- Up until now, Luke has shown us the ministry of Jesus in and around Galilee.
- This week will arrive at a turning point.
- Christ will allow his identity to sink in with his disciples and then turn toward Jerusalem.
- Though we are not yet halfway through the Gospel, the rest of **Luke** will focus on the last year or so of Jesus' life.

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- The chapter is kind of long, so we are going to start by reading it all the way through.
- We will then come back and consider **Two Big Questions**.

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- In **Luke 2:8-11**, an angel appeared to some shepherds.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

1. Who is Jesus?

- In **Luke 3:21-22**, the Father himself added to our understanding of Christ.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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- Then in **Luke 4:33-34**, a demon makes a startling confession.

³³ And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

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- In **Luke 5:21**, some scribes, not recognizing Jesus as the Christ, begin to ask questions as to who he could possibly be.

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?””

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- In **Luke 7:48-49**, we see more of the same, this time after an interaction with a sinful woman.

⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?”

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- In **Luke 8:25**, after Jesus calmed the storm, He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

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- And now here in 9:7-9, Herod is asking the same thing.

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸ by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. ⁹ Herod said, “John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see him.

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- Let's now repeat our key verses once again, **9:18-20**.

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- Finally, on the Mount of Transfiguration, in 9:35, the Father confirms the identity and authority of Christ.

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”

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- Know right from the beginning that to follow Jesus means at some point or another you are going to be sent out.
- See 9:1-6 again.
- Being sent out is part of the Great Commission.
- It applies to all of us at some level, not just to super saints.

2. What does it really mean to follow him?

- Following Jesus means that he is going to give us work to do that is beyond our ability, as in **9:12-13**.

¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.”

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- He does this mainly so that we can learn to trust in him, and then see him remarkably provide (9:16-17).

¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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- Following Jesus also means taking up our cross even as he did, which we learn in 9:23-26.

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

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- Following Jesus means aspiring to be the least, rather than the greatest, among his followers. See 9:46-48.

⁴⁶ An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

2. What does it really mean to follow him?

- When we follow Jesus, we must realize that ethnic divisions have to be set aside in Christ.
- The Samaritans didn't reject Jesus as the Christ, but as a Jew on his way to Jerusalem (9:53).

But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

- The anger of James and John then, was not just about rejection, for Jesus had been rejected before.
- Just not by Samaritans.

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- And finally, Jesus insists that he has to be more important to us than anyone else.
- That is the point of the last section in **9:57-62**.
- Christ is not minimizing the importance of family, but emphasizing our need for to be utterly loyal to him.
- In other words, any relationship that draws us away from Christ needs to be reconsidered in light of him.

Luke 9 Review Q & A

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- He is the Christ, the Son in whom that Father is well pleased, the Holy One of God.
- He exercises authority over nature and the spirit world.
- He exercises divine authority because he is God – such as declaring us forgiven of our sins.
- He has the right to demand our complete loyalty and trust for the same reason.

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- Following Jesus means we need to be open to being sent out in various ways to serve him.
- It means we will have to trust him when that service goes beyond our abilities.
- It means we ought to see him as God and ourselves as no better than others.
- It means that we owe him our complete loyalty and devotion regardless of the sacrifice that requires.

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- Dear heavenly Father,
- We believe that Jesus is the Christ, your Son in whom you are well pleased, the Holy One of God. We can see that he exercises authority over nature and the spirit world.
- We understand that he exercises divine authority because he is God – such as declaring us forgiven of our sins.

Luke 9 A Prayer

- He has the right to demand our complete loyalty and trust for the same reason. He is God.
- We accept that following Jesus means we need to be open to being sent out in various ways to serve him.
- It means we will have to trust him when that service goes beyond our abilities.

Luke 9 A Prayer

- Please help us to see him as fully God as well as one of us, and to see ourselves as no better than others. Please make us willing to give him our complete loyalty and devotion regardless of the sacrifice that requires.
- In Christ,
- Amen.