



“The Jesus Story: The One Everybody Can Know”

Luke 9:1-27

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XIV. The Cost of Following Jesus! (Luke 9:1-27)

A. Five different deaths that every Christian must die if he is to follow Jesus.

1. You must die to natural relationships. (Matthew 10:37)
2. You must die to success.
3. You must die to the flesh.
4. You must die to the love of money.
5. You must be willing to die physically should Jesus ask this of you.
(Rev 2:10)

B. Three Episodes and Three Biblical Truths

Episode 1: “Jesus Sends out the Twelve”

1. Truth # 1: Jesus commands each of us to go out into the world and tell others about His kingdom. (v.1-6)
 - a. Jesus gave them (the disciples) power to go out and perform miracles and told them to preach the message about the kingdom of God to everyone.
 - b. The kingdom of God is a phrase that refers to the realm of God’s rule.
 - c. Faith is the key that opens the door into this wonderful Kingdom. (Matt 11:12)
 - d. One day, God’s reign will be universal over the whole earth in the coming new earth when every heart will be obedient to Him. (Matt 24:14)

e. Jesus gave two key principles for us to remember as we go about sharing this Good News!

- 1). He wants us to depend totally on Him. (I Cor 2:4-5)
- 2). As you go about your daily life and as you share the gospel expect opposition. (Matt 28:19-20)

Episode 2: “The Feeding of the 5,000”

2. Truth # 2: Jesus has all the power that we need to carry out His mission for us. (v.10-17)

Episode 3: “The Cost of Following Jesus”

3. Truth # 3: Jesus challenges us with this truth: If you want to follow Him, you must be willing to die! (v.18-27)
 - a. He was and is the promised Messiah—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
 - b. Jesus knew that when He left the glory of heaven He was coming into this world, not to live, but to die. (Isa 53:5-6; Phil 2:5-8; Matt 7:13-14)

“When God calls a man, he bids him come and die.” -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“You don’t have to come back. You just have to go.” -Holy Spirit