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Luke 9:1-10:21

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I. The Ministry of Jesus

A. During Jesus' ministry, what was he known for?

1. He was tempted but did not yield to it (Luke 4:1-13)
2. He moved in the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14)
3. He had a mission to accomplish (Luke 4:18-19)
4. He made the religious people uncomfortable (Luke 4:28-29)
5. He taught with authority (Luke 4:31-32)

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6. He ordered evil spirits out people (Luke 4:33-35)
7. He healed the sick (Luke 4:38-40)
8. He declared and modeled the good news of the Kingdom of God (Luke 4:43)

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9. He loved people



Lk 13:34(NASB95)34“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!

10. He called and raised up the twelve disciples
(Luke 5:1-11,27-28; 6:12-19)

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B. What kinds of people were drawn to Jesus?

1. Young and older (Luke 18:15-17; 19:2)
2. Male and female (Luke 8:1-3)
3. Well to do and poor (Luke 18:18-23; 19:2; Matt. 27:57; Luke 14:12-14)
4. Respected people and the outcasts (Luke 19:2; 15:1; Matt. 27:57)

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- C. Why were people drawn to Jesus?
- D. At the end of Jesus' earthly ministry what happened?



Jn 17:18(NASB95)18“As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

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Mt 28:18-20(NASB95) 18And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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II. The Ministry of the Twelve

- A. Was there anything special about the twelve disciples when Jesus called them?
- B. Was there anything special about the disciples after Jesus ascended to heaven?

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Lk 9:1-2, 6(NASB95) 1And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. 2And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. ... 6Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

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Lk 9:10-17(NASB95) 10When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida. 11But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.

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12 Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.” 13 But He said to them, “You give them something to eat!” And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people.” 14 (For there were about five thousand men.)

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And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each.”

15 They did so, and had them all sit down.

16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people.

17 And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full.

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Lk 9:23-24(NASB95)23And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. 24“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

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C. Why did Jesus call the twelve to follow him?

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III. The Ministry of the Seventy-Two

A. Why did Jesus send out seventy-two?



Lk 10:1-3(NASB95) 1Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. 2And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3“Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

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Lk 10:8-9(NASB95) 8“Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you; 9and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’



Lk 10:17-21(NASB95) 17The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” 18And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

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19“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”
21At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, “I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.

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B. What was the assignment for these followers of Jesus?

1. They were to go before Jesus
2. They were to pray for more followers of Jesus to help them
3. They were to go with an innocence
4. Eat what is set before you – take what comes
5. Heal the sick – help people grow into healthier people
6. Declare that life under the leadership of God is very near to them

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C. What was the result?

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IV. The Ministry of You

- A. Why does God want to use you?
- B. How does God want to use you during and after the sabbatical?
 1. You should live in such a way that prepares the way for Christ to impact others
 2. You should pray for others to be willing to serve just like you serve

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3. You should live as innocent lambs
4. Take what comes
5. Help people grow into healthier people
6. Model being under the leadership of Jesus Christ
7. God wants to use each one of you to care for one another. God wants to use each of you to care for others in your sphere of influence
8. It should not hinder you from asking others to minister to you if you have a particular need or challenge you are facing