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**TRIUMPH TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 29 & SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

**Author: Luke, doctor, wrote the biography of Jesus life, the perfect man and Savior.**

**Book of Luke written AD 80-90**

**The Book of Luke tells the origins, birth, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus**

**The Culture was a complex mix of traditional Jewish Faith.  Roman political rule and Greek influence**

**Most biblical scholars date the Gospel of Luke to approximately A.D. 80-90, about 50-60 years after Jesus' earthly ministry and about 10-20 years after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in A.D. 70. [en.wikipedia.org], [encouragin...verses.org]**

**Key historical factors:**

**1. After the Destruction of Jerusalem**

- **The Jewish Temple had been destroyed by Roman armies in A.D. 70.**
- **Jewish communities were struggling to redefine their identity without the Temple.**
- **Christians were increasingly viewed as a distinct group separate from Judaism. [encouragin...verses.org], [bartehrman.com]**

**2. Growth of the Gentile Church**

- **Christianity was spreading throughout the Roman Empire.**
- **Many believers were Gentiles (non-Jews).**
- **Luke emphasized that Jesus came for all people, not only for Israel. [en.wikipedia.org], [bartehrman.com]**

**3. Persecution and Opposition**

- **Christians faced social rejection and occasional persecution.**
- **Believers needed encouragement to remain faithful disciples.**

- **Luke highlights the cost of following Jesus, a major theme in Luke 9. [bartehrman.com], [pastorjasonelder.com]**

- Hospitality was a major cultural value.
- In Luke 9:51-56, a Samaritan village refuses to welcome Jesus.
- This was not merely poor manners. Jews and Samaritans had centuries of religious and ethnic hostility. Jesus' response teaches mercy rather than retaliation.

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**5. Discipleship Above Family Obligations**

**In Luke 9:57-62, Jesus calls followers to place God's kingdom above personal concerns.**

**Statements such as:**

**"Let the dead bury their own dead"**

**sound harsh to modern readers but emphasize the urgency of God's kingdom.**

**In first-century Jewish culture, family responsibilities were sacred. Jesus was teaching**

**that commitment to God's mission must come first.**

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## Main Message of Luke 9 for an A.D. 80-90 Audience

**Luke's audience was living in a world of uncertainty after Jerusalem's destruction and during the expansion of Christianity.**

**Luke 9 teaches that:**

- **Jesus is the true Messiah (9:18-20).**
- **The Messiah's path is suffering before glory (9:22).**
- **True discipleship requires sacrifice and commitment (9:23-27).**
- **God's kingdom is more important than social status, comfort, or family priorities (9:57-62).**

**For Christians in A.D. 80-90, Luke 9 would have been a powerful reminder that following Christ requires perseverance, humility, and complete devotion despite opposition.**

**Location: Israel**

**Who were the twelve disciples or apostles: Peter (Simon), Andrew (Peter's brother), James (son of Zebedee), John (brother of James), Phillip, Bartholomew (Nathanael), Thomas, Matthew (tax collector), James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (a zealot), Judas Iscariot (betrayed Jesus)**

**As we read and study Luke 9 you will see that Jesus didn't just come to heal, he didn't just come to teach, his focus was to seek and to save (Luke 19:10) The cross during this time period represented or symbolized an agonizing death. Jesus is looking for individuals that will chose death. Die to Sin. To die to selfishness, pride of life, lust of the flesh, eyes of the flesh. Each day we should strive to eliminate everything in our lives that is not Christlike.**

**Matthew 4:19-20**

**"Come, follow me, "Jesus said,' and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed Him. For three (3) years Jesus trained his disciples to prepare them to take over after his crucifixion.**

## LUKE 9

**9** **1-5** Jesus now called the Twelve and gave them authority and power to deal with all the demons (fallen angels

who rebelled against God alongside with Satan) Characteristics of Demons: unclean spirits, hierarchy, deception and temptation, possession and torment, not omnipresent, he attacks our mind and hearts) and cure diseases. He commissioned them to preach the news of God's kingdom and heal the sick. He said, "Don't load yourselves up with equipment. Keep it simple; *you* have the equipment. And no luxury inns—get a modest place and be content there until you leave. If you're not welcome, leave town. Don't make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and move on."

## THE 12 DISCIPLES/APOSTLES JESUS SENT OUT—TO PREACH AND TO HEAL THE SICK

During this time disciples wanted to learn everything from their teacher or rabbi. They wanted to become like the Rabbi (Jesus). Jesus would ask questions, to see the depth of their understanding of the teachings and could they handle being a disciple. They lived with Jesus, followed Jesus, listened to his teachings, ate with Him, slept wit Him, interacted with others with Him, and observed his every move. Jesus served as their ideal model.




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**BETHSAIDA BIRTHPLACE OF PHILLIP, PETER, AND ANDREW (JOHN 1:44-45, 12:21) AND THE LOCATION FOR SEVERAL MIRACLES PERFORMED BY JESUS. THE PEOPLE HEARD THE GOSPEL, UNDERSTOOD GOD'S**

**PLAN OF SALVATION, YET THEY REJECTED IT. (MATTHEW 11:22) TELLS THEIR PUNISHMENT WILL BE HARSH.**

**GOD'S AUTHORITY AND POWER**

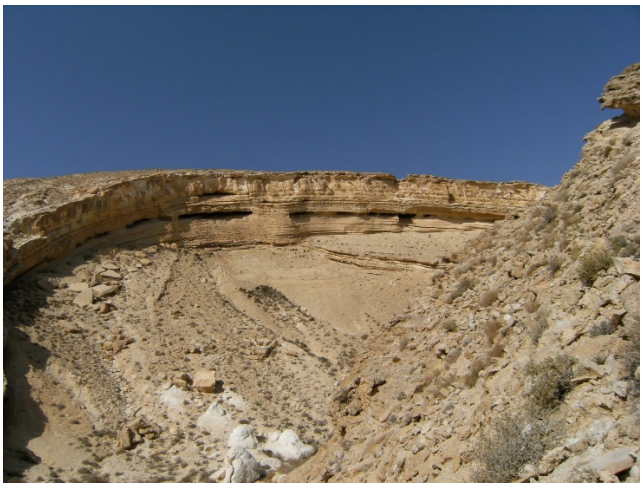
**Jesus delegated to each believer his authority to maintain justice, peace, order, overcome evil, sickness and spiritual oppression. Jesus set the examples for us to follow as we study his ministry journey.**

**Jesus' power is often viewed and present in each of us via the Holy Ghost that actively empowers us. It will lead us, but we must be willing to follow. God's power works our mind. God power helps us during our weaknesses. Jesus as our teacher, knew the importance of the Disciples not only needed to do more than just listen and observe his ministry and teachings. He wanted them to practice what they have learned. They were to preach about the Kingdom every where they traveled and heal the sick just like Jesus did.**

**6** Commissioned, they left. They traveled from town to town telling the latest news of God, the Message, and curing people everywhere they went.

**7-9** Herod, the ruler, heard of these goings on and didn't know what to think. There were people saying John had come back from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, still others that some prophet

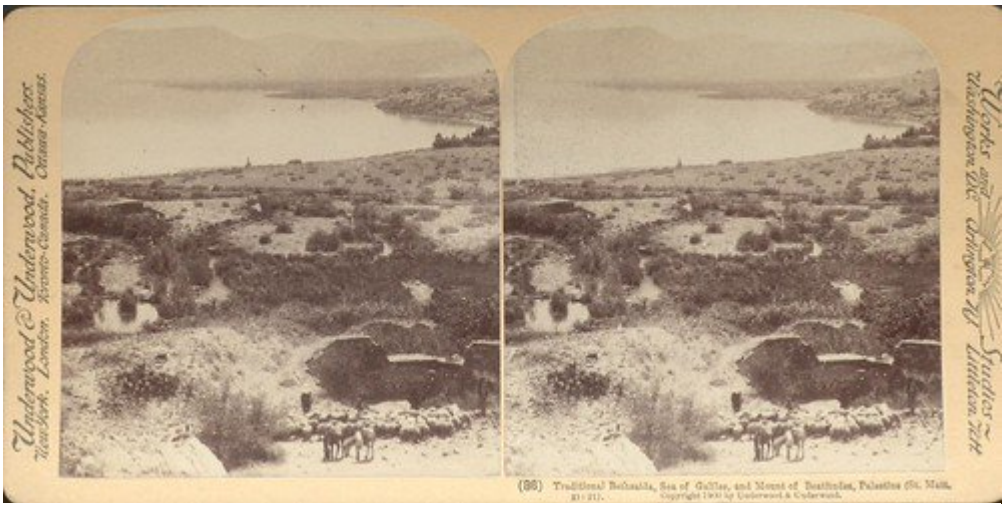
of long ago had shown up. Herod said, “But I killed John—took off his head. So who is this that I keep hearing about?” Curious, he looked for a chance to see him in action.:



**10-11** The apostles returned and reported on what they had done. Jesus took them away, off by themselves, near the town called Bethsaida. But the crowds got wind of it and followed. Jesus graciously welcomed them and talked to them about the kingdom of God. He healed those who needed healing, he healed.

Bethsaida an ancient fishing village located on or near the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. The name means “house of fishing” or house of the fisherman” in Hebrew.  The site of two of Jesus two miracles: healing the blind and the first feeding of the multitude.  A Roman city also known as Julias.

During the Iron (Israelite) Age it was part of the land of Geshur.

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## Bread and Fish for Five Thousand

**The disciples did not have faith initially that they could feed the crowd present. But Jesus directed them by providing specific directions and asked them to scrape up what they could find. They were able to obtain five loaves of bread and two fish, resulting in feeding 5,000 people with leftovers. Their obedience was important during this time frame. Reflect on times when you doubted or did not trust God to make a difference, but you were obedient to the Holy Spirit despite the circumstances. God can always take what little we may have and increase**

**it, if we are obedient. Learn to obey God with whatever we have.**



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**12** As the sun set, the Twelve said, “Dismiss the crowd so they can go to the farms or villages around here and get a room for the night and a bite to eat. We’re out in the middle of nowhere.”

This miracle of feeding five thousand men appears in all four Gospels. Demonstrated to the people God’s ability to provide.

**13-14** “You feed them,” Jesus said.

They said, “We couldn’t scrape up more than five loaves of bread and a couple of fish—unless, of course, you want us to go to town ourselves and buy food for everybody.” (There were more than five thousand people in the crowd.)

**14-17** But he went ahead and directed his disciples, “Sit them down in groups of about fifty.” They did what he said, and soon had everyone seated. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread and fish to the disciples to hand out to the crowd. After the people had all eaten their fill, twelve baskets of leftovers were gathered up.

## Don’t Run from Suffering



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**The Question who do they say I am today?  Who do you say he is?**

**Jesus had to go through the process: to suffer, be tried, found guilty, hung on the cross, rose on the third day.**

**18** One time when Jesus was off praying by himself, his disciples nearby, he asked them, “What are the crowds saying about me, about who I am?”

**19** They said, “John the Baptizer. Others say Elijah. Still others say that one of the prophets from long ago has come back.”

Emphasis here is on the messianic role of Jesus—The Christ of God.

**20-21** He then asked, “And you—what are you saying about me? Who am I?”

Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.” Jesus then warned them to keep it quiet. They were to tell no one what Peter had said.

**22** He went on, “It is necessary that the Son of Man proceed to an ordeal of suffering, be tried and found guilty by the religious leaders, high priests, and religion scholars, be killed, and on the third day be raised up alive.”

Jeus explained to the disciple and the followers what it meant to follow HIM.  Deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow me

**23-27** Then he told them what they could expect for themselves: “Anyone who intends to come with me must let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat, I

am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, *my* way, to finding yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? If any of you is embarrassed with me and the way I’m leading you, know that the Son of Man will be far more embarrassed with you when he arrives in all his splendor in company with the Father and the holy angels. This isn’t, you realize, pie in the sky by and by. Some who have taken their stand right here are going to see it happen, see with their own eyes the kingdom of God.”

## Jesus in His Glory



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**The meaning of Exodus. Greek word exodos, meaning “departure” or “going out.” Jesus**

**came to rescue humanity out of slavery to sin and death and leads us through transformation, into God's better world. The exodus provides us with a "way out", "the way through" and the "way in."**

**28-31** About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus; the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem.

**32-33** Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He blurted this out without thinking.

**34-35** While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: “This is my son, the Chosen! Listen to him.”

**36** When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.

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**37-40** When they came down off the mountain the next day, a big crowd was there to meet them. A man called from out of the crowd, “Please, please, Teacher, take a look at my son. He’s my only child. Often a spirit seizes him. Suddenly he’s screaming, thrown into convulsions, his mouth foaming. And then it beats him black-and-blue before it leaves. I asked your disciples to deliver him, but they couldn’t.”

This scripture suggests that the disciples lacked the faith to cast out the spirit.

41 Jesus said, “What a generation! No sense of God! No focus on your lives! How many times do I have to go over these things? How much longer do I have to put up with this? Bring your son here.”

42-43 While he was coming, the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into convulsions. Jesus stepped in, ordered the foul spirit gone, healed the boy, and handed him back to his father. They all shook their heads in wonder, astonished at God’s greatness, God’s majestic greatness.

## Your Business Is Life

43-44 While they continued to stand around exclaiming over all the things he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, “Treasure and ponder each of these next words: The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into human hands.”

45 They didn’t get what he was saying. It was like he was speaking a foreign language, and they couldn’t make heads or tails of it. But they were embarrassed to ask him what he meant.

There was a possibility of competitiveness among the disciples.

**46-48** They started arguing over which of them would be most famous. When Jesus realized how much this mattered to them, he brought a child to his side. “Whoever accepts this child as if the child were me, accepts me,” he said. “And whoever accepts me, accepts the One who sent me. You become great by accepting, not asserting. Your spirit, not your size, makes the difference.”

**49** John spoke up, “Master, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we stopped him because he wasn’t of our group.”

**50** Jesus said, “Don’t stop him. If he’s not an enemy, he’s an ally.”

**51-54** When it came close to the time for his Ascension, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead. They came to a Samaritan village to make arrangements for his hospitality. But when the Samaritans learned that his destination was Jerusalem, they refused hospitality. When the disciples James and John learned of it, they said, “Master, do you want us to call a bolt of lightning down out of the sky and incinerate them?”

**55-56** Jesus turned on them: “Of course not!” And they traveled to another village.

**57** On the road someone asked if he could go along. “I’ll go with you, wherever,” he said.

**58** Jesus was curt: “Are you ready to rough it? We’re not staying in the best inns, you know.”

Jesus said to another, “Follow me.”

**59** He said, “Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please. I have to make arrangements for my father’s funeral.”

**60** Jesus refused. “First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God’s kingdom!”

**61** Then another said, “I’m ready to follow you, Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home.”

**62** Jesus said, “No procrastination. No backward looks. You can’t put God’s kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day.”

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