
THE STORY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

A Bible Study Course Covering the four Gospels in Harmony Fashion

LESSON 10

LUKE 5:12-16; 7:1-28; MATTHEW 9:35-38; 10:5-11:3; MARK 6:17-29

JESUS PERFORMS MORE MIRACLES, SENDS OUT THE 12, TALKS ABOUT JOHN 28 A.D.

Luke 5:12-16

1. Analyze the prayer of this man with leprosy. Describe what makes this prayer a model prayer for us.
2. Why did Jesus send this man to the priest to offer the correct sacrifices prescribed by Moses? What was he showing by doing this?
3. Even though crowds of people were streaming to Jesus to listen to him and be healed by him, he still took time to withdraw by himself and pray. What can we learn from this?

Luke 7:1-10

4. What is so remarkable about this Centurion having faith?
5. What difference do you note between the reasons behind the request of the Jews and the reason behind the centurion's request?
6. What point was the Centurion making in vs. 8?

Luke 7:11-17

7. In many of these accounts, we see Jesus' love extended to people on the fringes of society. Where do we see that here?
8. When the people called Jesus "a great prophet", they were perhaps comparing him to the great OT prophet Elijah. In I Kings 17:17-24, Elijah also raised a woman's son and gave him back to his mother. What is the difference between these two accounts?

9. What are some lessons that we can take from this account?

Luke 7:18-28

10. There are two reasons why John the Baptist would have sent his disciples to Jesus. What are they?

11. To what does Jesus point to answer the question of John's disciples? What does this tell us when we have questions about Jesus?

12. What made John "*more than a prophet?*"

13. Jesus said that no one was greater than John and then called him the least in the kingdom of heaven. What was he talking about?

9:35-38

14. What does Matthew mean by saying that the people were "*harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd?*"

15. How does asking God to send workers into his harvest field help to share in Jesus' compassion for the lost sheep?

16. We know that God doesn't need our request to send out workers into his harvest field. So why might he encourage us to ask him to send out his workers?

- This reminds us of a very simple way in which we can support our missionaries and missions in our country and around the world: pray for them! We try to do this every Sunday by asking God's help on work that is being done all over the globe.

10:5-15

17. Why might Jesus have sent the disciples first to the lost sheep of Israel?

18. The message of the disciples was an easy message to preach. Has it changed at all?

19. We have already talked about the disciples' ability to do miracles. What did Jesus add to this by saying, "*Freely you have received, freely give?*"
20. Did Jesus' command to serve the people without demanding anything in return mean that they would not be provided for?
21. How do Jesus' instructions here to take nothing fit with his instructions in Luke 22:36 where he told them to take along a purse and a bag and a sword?
22. In verse 13, what makes a house worthy or deserving for the disciples to "let" their "peace rest on it?"
23. What general advice does this give to us in ministry?
24. These verse seem to indicate that there will be different degrees of punishment in hell, though nowhere are we told what those different degrees might be. While we might not know the specifics, what general warning is given here?

10:16-25

25. Explain Jesus' statement: "*Be shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves.*"
26. How does Jesus' promise in verses 19-20 bring us comfort as we are facing persecution?
27. Explain how the first commandment fits in with Jesus' warning in verses 21-23.
28. What is an "end times focus" and how does it help us to stand firm as we face persecution and difficult times for the sake of our Lord?
29. What is the difference between expecting persecution and seeking it? What does Jesus tell us here?
30. Indicate what lesson Jesus is teaching in verses 24-25.

10:26-33

31. Evaluate this statement: The enemies of Christ can persecute his people only within the limits that he establishes.

32. What point is Jesus making in verse 26 when he said, *“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known.”*

33. Who is the *“One”* who can destroy both body and soul in hell?

34. What then should be our main focus in all of our Christian lives, especially when we are confronted by persecution for proclaiming the Word of God?

35. Explain how Jesus comparison to the sparrows and the fact that God knows the numbers of hairs on our head brings us comfort and encouragement in times of trial.

36. How do we know that we are more precious than the animals?

10:34-39

37. _This is a difficult passage for many to hear. It seems contradictory to hear Jesus say that he did not come to bring peace, but a sword. How does he do this?

38. Give some examples of how we might love a relative more than God.

39. What is the *“cross”* that Jesus asks us to bear?

40. Explain what it means to lose your life for Jesus.

41. What does this have to say about the priorities that we are to have in life?

10:40-42

42. _What does this section have to say about the way that we welcome and receive God's messengers?
43. If the "prophet's reward" and "righteous man's reward" are not heaven, what are they?
44. Jesus certainly isn't saying that anyone can earn heaven by giving someone a cup of cold water. What point is he making?

11:1-3

- This marks a major division in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus had just finished instructing his disciples to go out in his name. But he didn't wait idly for them to return. He went about preaching and teaching in the towns of Galilee.
 - For the reason of John the Baptist's imprisonment, see Matthew 14.
45. Bible commentators disagree on the reason behind John sending his disciples to Jesus with the question, "*Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?*" What are the two possibilities?
46. Regardless of which side you want to take, what does this tell us about God's people who have doubts? Where does it encourage them to go when they have doubts?

Mark 6:14-29

47. The increased activity of Jesus in sending the apostles out on preaching missions did not remain unnoticed. Whom did Herod think Jesus was?
48. Why is it surprising that Herod would think that John the Baptist rose from the dead?
49. Explain the reason for which Herod had John put into prison.
- His marital situation was sordid mess. Herod had been married to the daughter of Aretas, King of Nabataea in Arabia. During a visit to Rome, Herod fell for Herodias, who was the wife of his brother

Philip. She was a granddaughter of Herod the Great, to Philip, her husband, was also her uncle. They had a daughter named Salome. Herod Antipas was a half-uncle of Herodias. In spite of all this, Herod ran off with Herodias. Herod's wife ran home to her father, Aretas, who decided to wage war on Herod for treating his daughter in this fashion. This is the situation John rightly criticized.

50. What is an oath?

51. Which commandment talks about oaths? Why is using God's name to make an oath, especially a foolish oath, a dangerous thing? List some situations when it is acceptable to use God's name to make an oath.

52. Even though John knew what the consequences might be from Herod, what did he do anyway? Should we expect any different reaction to the law of God today?