

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Mar..... Luke 1:1-80.....A Special Baby – Rejoice
- 2) 11 Mar..... Luke 2:1-52.....A Unique Person – Praise God
- 3) 18 Mar..... Luke 3:1 – 4:30.....An Unexpected Messiah – Honor Him
- 4) 25 Mar..... Luke 4:31 – 6:11..... Christianity 101 – Accept Others
- 5) 01 Apr..... Luke 6:12 – 8:56..... Christianity 102 – Live to Benefit Others
- 6) 08 Apr..... Luke 24:13-35.....Be Confident of the Resurrection
- 7) 15 Apr..... Luke 9:1-50..... Christianity 103 – Meet Needs**
- 8) 22 Apr..... Luke 9:51 – 13:21..... Christianity 104 – Be Good Neighbors
- 9) 29 Apr..... Luke 13:22 – 17:10..... Christianity 105 – Manage Money Well
- 10) 06 May..... Luke 17:11 – 19:27..... Christianity 106 – Learn to Pray
- 11) 13 May..... Luke 19:28 – 22:65.....He Voluntarily Suffered – Be Grateful
- 12) 20 May..... Luke 22:66 – 23:49.....He Offers Salvation – Believe
- 13) 27 May..... Luke 23:50 – 24:12,36-53..... He Lives Eternally – Carry On

INTRODUCTION

- What is harder for God to do – cure a headache or restore a limb?
- Since nothing is too hard for God, it stands to reason restoring a limb or even making the Sun stand still is no big effort for Him
- The real question today is why are we not seeing such miraculous healings as wounded soldiers growing their missing limbs back? At best, we are only seeing psychosomatic illnesses being healed
- The answer is found in His word – such miraculous healings, signs and wonders occurred at specific times in history to kick off a new agenda which God was establishing for His people. For example:
 - 1) Moses' era → The birth of a new nation, Israel
 - 2) Elijah/Elisha → Last chance for God's nation, Israel, to repent
 - 3) Jesus and Apostles → Testified that the Messiah had arrived
 - 4) 2 Witnesses in Revelations → Christ is coming back real SOON
- **Remember** – Like the noble Bereans – we need to prove all things and discern all things in light of the “whole counsel of God”

Passage	Comments
Luke 9:1-6	<p>Heal Everyone and Proclaim the Kingdom of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 12 Apostles, including Judas, were sent out with the God-given authority to heal like Jesus – 100%, instantaneously, everyone they came across • Purpose – to proclaim the Kingdom of God had arrived • What is the significance of this “Kingdom of God,” which was first proclaimed by John the Baptist? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ In essence, God, through His Holy Spirit, was going to take up residence in believing Jews & Gentiles, instead of working through the nation of Israel, which consisted of both believing and non-believing Jews • Application? Like the 12 apostles here in Luke 9 and the 70 who were sent out in Luke 10 with similar authority to heal all – is this applicable for us today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Simple answer is NO! Again, based on Scripture: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After a time, even the Apostles couldn't work miracles any more – Paul couldn't heal Epaphroditus, Trophimus, Timothy, or himself 2. Paul told Timothy take some wine (medicine) for his stomach problems. Where were the gifted healers & miracle workers; why didn't Timothy's own prayers work; and why didn't Paul, a righteous man who prayed fervently, just pray for him or send him a handkerchief to be healed by? ♦ Conclusion – We either have a contradiction in Scripture, OR the Holy Spirit, since He gives gifts as He sees fit (1Cor 12:11), changed His method from healing ALL instantaneously to now healing some over time, some by medicine, and some through prayer and confession (James 5:16). THEREFORE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The miracles of the Apostolic era are over for now - Other gifts are also gone, but that's another lesson

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9:10-17	<p>Feeding 5000 Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This event is in all 4 Gospels – So it must be important • If you add 1-3 family members per, Jesus fed 10,000+ • Again, this event along with feeding the 4000 were unique miracles done only by Jesus, and had a specific purpose to confirm Him as the “Bread of Life” who was sent in fulfillment of ScriptureIsaiah 61:1
9:18-22	<p>Peter Gets It – Sort of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v21. Why keep such a major revelation a secret? • Since Peter acknowledged Jesus was the Messiah, the incarnate Son of God – why would he deny knowing Jesus just prior to the Lord's crucifixion?
9:23-27	<p>Take Up Our Cross and Follow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to “take up our cross”? • Would our cross be our lot in life – whether we be male or female, free or slave, black or white, handicapped or whole, tall or short, rich or poor, American or Mexican? • What are some other crosses some carry? • Who would not see death till they saw the K. of God? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Probable reference to Peter, James & John since the Transfiguration event follows this passage
9:28-36	<p>The Transfiguration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was another one-time occurrence in Scripture • Why did Jesus tell the 3 amigos to keep it a secret?
9:37-45	<p>The Apostles Still Don't Get It</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v41. Jesus seemed frustrated by the lack of faith of His Apostles, or possibly of the scribes & Pharisees in the crowd – “How much longer am I going to be with you?” • The Apostles should have been more spiritually mature than they were at this stage, but, like us, they probably were not as diligent as they should have been • If Jesus voiced this rebuke at the Jewish spiritual leaders in the crowd it was for their cold heartedness, for they should have been able to free this boy from this tormenting spirit.....Ezekiel 34:4
9:46-48	<p>How do we Get Promoted in the Kingdom of God?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By promoting others before ourselves
9:49-50	<p>Is It Our Way or the Highway?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John wanted an exclusive club • Jesus has no problems with dividing and multiplying • Good passage to use on Catholics and others who think they have a hold on the way things ought to be

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- We may not be able to work the miracles which Jesus and His Apostles did, but we still have the mandate to come along side and help those with problems or caught up in sin, to pray for the welfare of others, to heal the broken-hearted, and be a conduit of God's love to the world
- **Remember** – more blessed are those who have not seen or experienced the risen Christ, yet believe

NEXT WEEK: Luke 10-13. We look at the 70 disciples who were sent out with orders to heal everyone they came across; the Good Samaritan comes to the rescue; a demon takes up residence and brings his buddies; the cure for anxiety; and the healing of a woman.

