

'THE REST OF THE STORY'

(Going Deeper & Application of Sunday Sermons)

Training the 12 / Luke Chapter 9

Onward to Jerusalem

(Concluding Jesus' Northern Kingdom Campaign – 'The Great Galilean Ministry')

Luke 9 is a transition chapter of events about the final days of the summer school course of Jesus north of Israel - 'Training of the 12'. **Luke 10** begins sometime later with Christ again sending out 70 disciples in 35 teams of 2 into Judea* (*similar to His previous sending of the 12 in teams of 2 in Galilee / Luke 8:57*).

This final southern Kingdom Crusade, in all probability happened in late September and October of AD 29. Luke omits many details of the journey of Jesus and the 12 that took place between these chapters. However, many specific details found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John are as follows:

Closure of ministry in Capernaum / Matthew 17:22-18:35, Mark 9:30-50

Closure of ministry in Nazareth / John 7:1-13

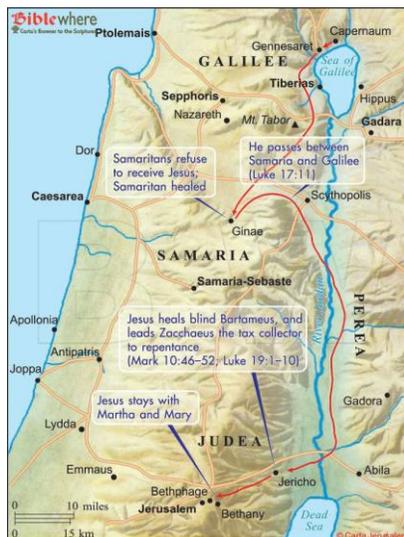
Closure of ministry in Samaria / Luke 9:51-56

Conclude 'training of the 12' on the road to Perea / Luke 9:57-62

Conclude 'training of the 12' (Perea / east of Jordan River) Matthew 19:1-20:16, Mark 10:1-30

Side-trips into Judea and Jerusalem from Perea:

Oct. AD 29 – Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkkot) / John 7:14-10:21



*Sending of 70 disciples to evangelize Judea after 'Tabernacles' (Luke 10:1-24)

December AD 29 – Feast of Dedication / John 10:22-42

January AD 30 – Raising of Lazarus from the dead / John 11:1-54

February & March AD 30 – In Ephraim's hill country / John 11:54-57

April AD 30 – To Bethany residence near Jerusalem / John 12:1-2

Sunday, April (Nisan) 10th – 14th = Passover & Jesus' Sacrifice

Between Luke 9 and Luke 10 are omissions that the author doesn't include because they are not directly related to his primary focus of 'training the 12' in the shadow of the cross:

Omissions of Luke found in Matthew = 'tax money in the fish' miracle (*Matthew 17:22-27*), teaching 'church discipline' (*Matthew 18*), teaching on marriage, divorce & singles, the rich young ruler 'almost saved but not quite' and 'apostles' reward' (*Matthew 19*).

Omissions of Luke found in Mark = 'teaching about hell' (*Mk. 9*), marriage, divorce and raising children (*Mark 10*), rich young ruler, dangers of getting rich; eternal rewards, true greatness (*Mark 10*).

Omissions of Luke found in John = *John Chapters 7-11* / Jesus' final side-trip home to Nazareth (family rejection); Jesus late arrival to *Feast of Tabernacles* in Jerusalem; His conflict with religious leaders about the woman caught in adultery; conflict with leaders about His identity as Messiah and 'I Am' (Yahweh / Jehovah); teaching on Him as 'the good Shepherd', raising Lazarus from the dead.

Selected Subjects Taught Between Luke Chapters 9 & 10:

Reconciliation & Restoration (Matthew 18)

- Talk about the steps of reconciliation in *verses 15-20*. Share about a time you have followed these steps.
 - How did it go?
- Have you seen or experienced Christians handling conflicts some other way?
 - How did it go?
 - Why is Jesus' way better?
- What is the main idea about forgiveness you get out of the parable on forgiveness in *verses 21-35*?

Marriage, Divorce & Celibacy (Matthew 19)

- What does God think of divorce according to Jesus (*vs. 3-10*)?
- How does this teaching influence your philosophy of marriage?

- Are some Christians called to a life of singleness?
 - Can you tell if singleness is God's calling for you? (*1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 7:25-35*)?
- What are pros and cons of remaining single?

Eternal Reward & Eternal Ruin (Mark 9)

- Discuss the radical teaching on getting victory over sin Jesus taught in *vs. 42-43*.
 - Do you think He meant this literally?
- Talk about the better way to victory taught in *Romans 6:5-14*

- To persist unrepentantly in sin carries horrible consequences (hell after death now / *vs. 44, 46, 48*; the Lake of Fire later / *Revelation 20:11-15*).
 - How does this knowledge affect your thankfulness for the Savior and your urgency to share your testimony and the gospel with others? (*explain your answer*)

Wealth that Ruins & Riches that Reward (Mark 10)

- Talk about the rich young ruler's love of money and materialism and how this attitude blinded him to more important things.
- Discuss Jesus' humorous 'camel and needle' illustration about rich people and their difficulty in being saved.
- How much of an influence does affluence have on decisions people make that affect their life now, their eternal fate, and others?
- According to Jesus, what must be a disciple's attitude toward money and things (*vs. 28-31*)?