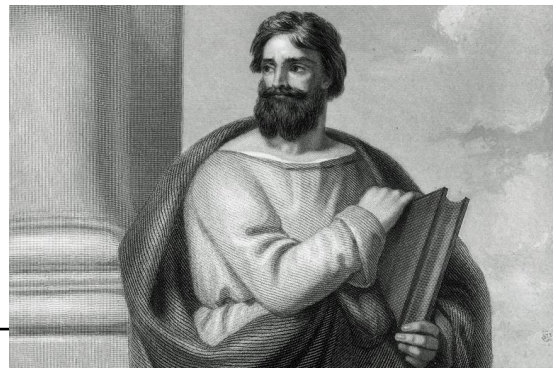


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



LUKE 9:12-36

5000 ARE FED (9:12-17)

- Contextually, Jesus has just received the apostles back from the Limited Commission. Sometime in that period it appears that John the Baptist was beheaded, because Matthew 14:10-14 reports that the news comes to Jesus from John's disciples about the same time as the 12 returned from the Limited Commission. This sad news in conjunction with the return of the 12 prompted Jesus' attempted retreat to Bethsaida. The miracle of feeding the 5000 is the only miracle of Jesus' that is recorded in every Gospel (Matt. 14:33ff; Mark 6:33ff; Luke 9:12ff; John 6:5ff).
- If Jesus had tried to retreat to Bethsaida, why were there so many people to heal and teach in this story?
- What prompted the question of how to feed all these people?
 - Who brought up the problem?
 - Whose idea was it to send the people away, so that they could find food and shelter for themselves?
 - What solution did Jesus give them?
 - Why didn't the apostles think of this?
- How much food did they have?
 - Who did it belong to? (see John 6:8,9)
- There were 5000 what?
 - What does this suggest about the real number of the crowd?
- Does Jesus' command to have them sit down by 50 suggest anything about Him?
- How does Jesus multiply the food?
- Did anyone go hungry?

- How much was left over?
- What lessons may we derive from this story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with only 5 loaves and 2 fish?

PETER AND THE GOOD CONFESSIO

(9:18-21)

- Where does Matt. 16:13 tell us Jesus and the apostles were at this point?
 - Why do you suppose that Jesus wanted to go so far north?
- What had Jesus been doing, when He asked His disciples who the people thought that He was?
 - Why do you think Jesus asked them this question?
 - What were the answers?
- What was Jesus' next question to them?
 - Who answered?
 - What did he say?
 - From a Jewish perspective, what did this mean?
- How do you think Peter and the other apostles reacted to...
 - being forbidden to tell anyone?
 - the prophecy of His suffering and death?
 - Does vv. 21 and 22 suggest a reason why Jesus didn't want them to tell anyone?

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP (9:22-27)

- Analyze these verses; what do they mean?
 - **23** ¶ And 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.
 - **25** “For...
 - what is a man profited if he gains the whole world,
 - and loses or forfeits himself?
- What do we learn or are reminded about discipleship that might turn some away?

- What does it mean to be ashamed of “Me and My words”?

- What will the result be, if we show ourselves ashamed?
- What did Jesus mean, when He said that some of the disciples who literally were standing there who would not die until they saw the kingdom of God?
 - When did the kingdom come?
 - Were some of those disciples still alive?
 - What does this teach us about doctrines like Premillennialism?

THE TRANSFIGURATION (9:28 - 36)

- Where does Luke 9:10 and Matt. 16:13 tell us Jesus about the general geographic area Jesus and the 12 were in?
 - Are there mountains in this area? Like..._____
- Who did Jesus take with Him up the mountain to pray?
- As Jesus prayed on this mountain, describe what happened to Him:
- Who was Jesus talking with?
 - What were they talking about?
 - Why them?
 - How did Peter know it was them?
 - What did Peter suggest to Jesus as Moses and Elijah left?
 - When a cloud overshadows them (how high must they have been?) what did they hear?
 - What do we learn from this?