

Sermon Notes – December 5, 2021

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Today’s text: Luke 9:51-10:24

In Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus, we see people in a hurry. A decree has gone out that people should return to their home town to register for a census, and people aren’t happy with this expression of Roman oppression. Travel isn’t easy, and times are difficult. Joseph & Mary found no place to stay, so Jesus was born in a humble setting, a feeding trough for his first bed. As we arrive at today’s text, years have passed and Jesus has “set His face to go to Jerusalem” where He will “suffer, be rejected, be killed, and on the third day, be raised” (9:22).

Time For Redemption, Not Judgment (9:51-56)

- ⇒ Today’s text marks a major shift in the narrative. As Jesus heads toward Jerusalem, He begins to focus more on His redemptive work just ahead, and “while miracles dominated the previous section, _____ and _____ are now the key elements” (Bock), especially a focus on the meaning of discipleship.
- ⇒ Jesus lived in a racially conflicted world. Racism is not new. The bitter Jew/Samaritan divide was hundreds of years old.

A Savior Who Came To A Busy World
Luke 9:51-10:24 | Pastor Jay Mosser

- ⇒ James & John (“Sons of Thunder” – Mark 3:17) apparently liked _____ style and called for judgment instead of mercy, not recognizing that this was a day of redemption, not judgment. Cf. Ecclesiastes 3 – what time is it?

Time To Follow, Not Delay (9:57-62)

- ⇒ This section is about what it means to “follow” Jesus. Today we “follow” people on social media, meaning that we have a _____ interest or want to watch from a distance or interact when it is convenient.
- ⇒ Jesus means “follow” like a student followed a rabbi, meaning that you leave everything else behind and you walk with that teacher. It’s time to decide – are you “in” or not?
- ⇒ People use all kinds of excuses NOT to follow Christ:
 - We have expectations about essential _____.
 - We have other obligations or seemingly higher _____.
- ⇒ How does Jesus respond when others walked away? John 6:66-67
- ⇒ Remember the nostalgia of the people of Israel in the desert as they thought of Egypt? Numbers 11:4-6 and 14:3-4

Time To Believe, Not Doubt (10:1-24)

- ⇒ Jesus organizes a short-term mission trip with a larger group of disciples that is characterized by _____ and _____. Of course, not all trips have the same traveling rules (22:35-38).
- ⇒ The point, of course, is that as God’s program of redemption is announced, surely the Jewish people who long for Messiah will respond with true repentance and joyful eagerness...right?

Responding to God’s Word in Worship & Obedience

- ⇒ In the well-known Parable of the Soils in 8:9-15 Jesus notes that some of the seed will fail to produce a harvest because it is choked by “*the cares and riches and pleasures of life.*” Could that describe you?
- ⇒ Which of the three excuses in 9:57-62 is most like something you would say? What things need to be cleaned out of your life to allow you to follow Christ more fully?

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“A Savior Who Came With A Mission” (Luke/Acts)

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Answer Key: • parables • teaching • Elijah’s • casual • amenities • priorities • urgency • self-denial

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