

Luke's Gospel – An Inclusive Savior
Lesson Thirteen

[Luke 9:28-36].....Identification Confirmed

- vs.27 Jesus says some will not die before they see the kingdom of God. This is a prophecy that will be fulfilled mightily for James, John, & Peter
- vs.28 Jesus is transfigured *while* he is praying.
- vs.30 The two most influential (and popular) figures in Judaic history appear.
- vs.31 Only Luke's record reveals the topic of their conversation.
Instead of viewing Christ's death as *death*, it was more like an "exodus":
Jesus' leaving the flesh to enter his promise!
For Luke, it's important that Elijah and Moses are present to concur.
- vs.32-33 The disciples were sleeping because it was night.
The power on the mountain woke them up, and they stayed awake.
Peter's excited statement reveals a grave misunderstanding: placing Jesus, Moses, & Elijah on the same level.
- vs.34-35 God fixes Peter's misunderstanding
God does not diminish the words of Moses & Elijah but confirms Jesus as the proper interpreter and fulfillment of the scriptures.
- vs.36 This event is too much for the disciples to discuss - they are not dead, but too have seen the kingdom of God(a true glimpse of Jesus' glory)
- NOTE:** Jesus does not make this happen (he's wrapped in flesh). God makes this happen!

[Luke 9:37-50].....Honey, They Ain't Ready Yet

- vs.37-39 This story is based on Mark 9:14-32, but it omits the argument between disciples and scribes as well as the means to rebuke such a disease -"by prayer and fasting"
The day after the Transfiguration, Jesus has more work to do!
- vs.40 Other 9 disciples failed at rebuking the spirit possessing this man's son
- vs.41 Why is Jesus so displeased with the disciples?
- vs.44 Jesus makes this statement during a time of rejoicing
- vs.45 Contradicts Mark 9:28-29. Why????
- vs.46-48 God's power is at its highest when the user is at his or her lowest.
Greatness in God's kingdom shines brightest in those who are humble
- vs.49-50 This power also works in those who are not a part of the disciples' "group".
We should not negate what God does in others as well!

[Luke 9:57-62].....What's the Cost?

- vs.57-62 The quick responses Jesus makes are not to discourage these individuals from following him, but to make them aware that those who choose to follow Jesus cannot allow their mission to be minimized by distractions. It's all or nothing!

NEXT LESSON: The Good Samaritan of Chapter 10 & on to Chapter 12