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Jesus is Enough

Luke 9:1-22

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

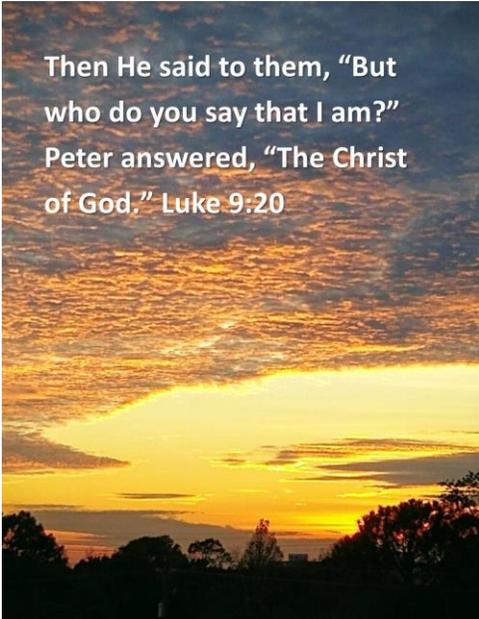
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Then He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God." Luke 9:20

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The first part of Luke chapter 9 contains one of the most familiar miracles of Jesus' ministry; the feeding of the 5,000. Leading up to this miracle Jesus sends out the 12 to proclaim the Kingdom and to heal the sick. They are given power over the demons and the ability to heal. Herod is perplexed by everything going on around Jesus and the miracles that are happening. Jesus then performs one of the most talked about miracles of the Bible the feeding of the 5,000. Following this we see Peter's confession that he understands that Jesus is the long-anticipated Christ of God. Jesus is everything they need Him to be and more. Join us this week as we talk about how Jesus is sufficient to meet all our needs, He is enough for us.

The Sending of the Twelve Apostles

1 After Jesus called the twelve together, he gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3 He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey – no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, and do not take an extra tunic. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave the area. 5 Wherever they do not receive you, as you leave that town, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” 6 Then they departed and went throughout the villages, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

Herod’s Confusion about Jesus

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about everything that was happening, and he was thoroughly perplexed, because some people were saying that John had been raised from the dead, 8 while others were saying that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had risen. 9 Herod said, “I had John beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” So Herod wanted to learn about Jesus.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew privately to a town called Bethsaida. 11 But when the crowds found out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and cured those who needed healing. 12 Now the day began to draw to a close, so the twelve came and said to Jesus, “Send the crowd away, so they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in an isolated place.” 13 But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we go and buy food for all these people.” 14 (Now about five thousand men were there.) Then he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” 15 So they did as Jesus directed, and the people all sat down.

16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven he gave thanks and broke them. He gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17 They all ate and were satisfied, and what was left over was picked up – twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Peter's Confession

18 Once when Jesus was praying by himself, and his disciples were nearby, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" 19 They answered, "John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others that one of the prophets of long ago has risen." 20 Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God." 21 But he forcefully commanded them not to tell this to anyone, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Who did Jesus give power over demons?

9. Why did Jesus give them power over demons and the ability to heal?

10. Why was Herod perplexed about Jesus?

11. Why do you think Jesus withdrew privately? How did Jesus respond to the uninvited crowds?

12. Why do you think Jesus feed the people?

13. What evidence did Peter have that Jesus is the Christ?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Should we expect Jesus to feed us all the time?

15. Does God give us power over demons and the power to heal?

16. What do we learn about Jesus' provision in this text that is consistent with the present time?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes