

How Jesus Spreads the Good News

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¹ And he called the twelve together and 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. ³ And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. ⁴ And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." ⁶ And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸ by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. ⁹ Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Have you ever wished you had more power or authority? What motivated that desire?

Read & Discuss: Luke 9:1-6

1. Verse 1 tells us that Jesus was able to give His disciples real power and authority over demons and disease. What does this say about His divine nature? Why do you think this was the right time to give the disciples this responsibility?
2. Since Jesus has not yet died and risen, how might the message His disciples proclaimed about the kingdom of God (v. 2), be different from the proclamation Jesus describes in 24:46-47? How would their message still be good news? (*Note Luke 3:18; 4:18, 43; 7:22; 8:1.*)
3. Jesus instructs His disciples to not take any provision with them and to stay in the accommodations offered them as they go on this mission (vv. 3-4). Why might Jesus have insisted on this restriction? Do you think Christian workers should be supported by churches or other believers? Why or why not? (*Read Luke 10:7; 1 Cor. 9:7-11; Phil. 4:14-18.*)
4. If a Jewish town or village failed to extend hospitality to Jesus' disciples, the disciples were to openly shake the dust from their feet as a "testimony against them" (v. 5). Put in your own words the message that such a town should have understood from this serious act. (*Read John 1:9-11.*)

Read & Discuss: Luke 9:7-9

5. In verses 7-9, Luke describes different rumors and speculations circulating about Jesus' identity (John, Elijah, or a resurrected prophet). What does this reveal about how people were trying to make sense of Jesus' power and authority? What are ways people may do this today?
6. Herod was one of those trying to make sense of Jesus. Yet, from Luke 23:8-11, it seems Herod wasn't really interested in Jesus' message but in seeing Him perform some sign. Do you think God is in anyway obligated to reveal Himself to someone with this outlook? Why or why not? (*See John 7:17.*)
7. Jesus gave a clear instruction about welcoming His messengers. What are some ways that we can "welcome" messengers of the gospel today—both those who serve vocationally and those in our own lives? How does this practice of welcome show that we are also welcoming the one who sent them? (*Read Matthew 10:40.*)

Apply: In what way can you expand your support those who are serving the cause of the Gospel either locally or globally?

Pray: Pray for wisdom, strength, courage, and support for those who serve Christ.