

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## *A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God*

### ***The Great Confession***

**Luke 9: 18-22**

The time for the next phase of the training of the disciples has come. They have seen and personally experienced many things with Jesus. They have been listening to His teaching for over a year. They have even gone out on their own mission trip to preach and to work miracles under His authority. The rumors and questions among the populace and even Herod are growing. It is time to ask what the disciples have come to understand about the true nature and identity of Jesus.

#### **I Jesus is in prayer away from the crowds**

- A. Luke is careful to report the close connection of significant events with the private prayer life of Jesus.
- B. A servant is not greater than his Master, a lesson for us

#### **II A casual but directed conversation**

- A. "What do you hear the crowds saying about Me?"
- B. "But what do YOU think?"

#### **III Peter's Great Confession**

- A. You are the Christ (Messiah) (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
  - 1. The Promised One
  - 2. The Herald and Ruler of a New Age
- B. The Son of the Living God (Matthew)
  - 1. Of the essence of the Father (begotten)
  - 2. Equal with the one true God in all ways
- C. Of God (Matthew, Luke)
  - 1. "The Only Begotten God Who is in the bosom of the Father"  
John 1:18
  - 2. "And the Father Who has sent Me, He has testified of Me"  
John 5:37

#### **IV The transition to the cost of discipleship**

- A. It is at this point that Jesus begins to speak directly about the cost of being His disciple.
- B. "Familiarity breeds contempt:" the risk of a casual attitude toward Jesus
- C. If we are going to follow Him to the end, we must be clear about Who He is so that when the price of discipleship becomes high we have a clear vision of our Lord and our God.

And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the people say that I am?" They answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again." And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." But He warned them and instructed them not to tell this to anyone, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

**Luke 9: 18-22 NASB**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

**Matthew 16: 13-17 NIV**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

**Mark 8: 27-30 ESV**

## NOTES

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