

The Person, Mission And Challenge Of Jesus (1)

Luke 9:18-27

Intro. **A.** At this time, of which we read, it is only six months until the crucifixion of Jesus.

- vs. 18a
1. It is custom to go alone and pray.
 2. The Apostles were near Him.
 3. There were also disciples with Him.

B. Jesus had been teaching them about the Kingdom of God.

- luke 8:1-3
1. He had preached the kingdom.
 2. He shewed them the glad tidings of it.
 3. He sent the 12 to preach the kingdom.

C. With His death so near it was testing time.

1. He would question them about Himself.
2. He would tell them the brutal truth.
3. He would challenge^{them} to give their lives to Him in service.
4. These three truths reveal to us the core of Christianity. It is not about what others think, it is not about psychological principles that relieve stress and cultivate self-worth, it is about the son of God and death, and suffering, and self crucifixion, and service to God.

I. The Person of Jesus.

A. "Whom say the people that I am"?

1. "Say" = λέγω = "to lay together", "to lay before"
2. "people" = "οχλος" = "a throng", "a confused multitude"
3. What is the gossip concerning me among the confused masses? J.P.

4. "Son of man" = This is the humanity of Jesus. As a man suffers, so must He. God could not suffer as a man because He is immortal. (2)

5. "must" = δεῖ = "there is a need of something wanting or absent", "it is necessary", "it must be done".

6. "many" = πολλοί = much or many, of number, quantity, amount. Here, humiliation, pain, anger, cross.

7. This was not what most looked for. They wanted a "bread" King or a "political" King.

C. "... and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes".

1. "Rejected" = ἀποδοκιμάζω = to make one stand trial and then reject. I Peter 2:4,7

2. The entire religious hierarchy will do it.

D. "and be slain"

1. "slain" = ἀποκτείνω = "to kill outright".

2. Rev. 13:8 = "the lamb slain from the foundation of the world"

3. Acts 2:23 "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked have crucified and slain".

E. "... and be raised the third day".

1. "Raised" = ἀνίστημι = "to cause to stand".
tran. "to rise up".

2. The work of God according to the plan of God".

III. The Challenge Of Jesus To All.

A. "And he said to them all".

vs. 23 1. This is for Apostles and disciples.

2. My friend, this is for you!

G. What happens if we do follow Jesus? (3)
Vs. 24¹. "... but whosoever will lose his life for my sake,
the same shall save it".

2. "lose" = (same)

3. "save" = (same)

4. "life" = (same)

5. It must be a life lived in the interest of Jesus,
"my sake" = ἕνεκα = (prep. adv.) = because of, by
reason of, on account of.

H. The futility of following one's self.

Vs. 25¹. "For what is a man advantaged, if he gain
the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?"

2. "advantaged" = ὠφελέω = to profit, benefit, help.

3. "gain" = κερδαίνω = "to get profit from".

4. "lose" = ἀπολλύμι = "to utterly destroy".

5. "cast away" = ζημιόω = passive, to be fined,
"to suffer loss", to lose one's profit or reward.

6. For how is a man benefitted if he draws profit
from the world and thereby loses everything, J.P.
especially the rewards he could have had. I Cor. 4:15

III. There Are Two Hindrances To Following Jesus

A. "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me,"

Vs. 26¹. 1. "ashamed" = ἐπαισχύνομαι = "to have the
feeling which attends the performance of a dis-
honorable deed". This involves a fear of what others
may think. It is the protecting of one's self
from an unbelieving world.

2. It is to have this feeling about Jesus.

B. "... and of my words".

1. The teachings of Jesus.

2. "words" = λόγος = the spoken words

