

## Luke 9: Sent Ones

**Luke 9:1-6** In a similar fashion, Jesus has sent us.

- ✓ **By God's grace, we continue to do what He's sent us to do.**
  - ✓ **Luke 1:1-9** Reminds us of the incredible odds against those originally sent. We have the odds against us as well.
  - ✓ Twelve ordinary men are sent on this first trial run which happens at about the halfway point of Jesus' earthly ministry.
  - ✓ A great danger of ministry is to become too professional in what we do and think we don't need God's help anymore.
- ↪ Part of the blessing of this past year has been reminding ourselves how much out of control we are and dependent on Him.
- ✓ These guys turned the world upside down, and they did it supernaturally, but not in the way you would think.
  - ✓ Notice what supernatural powers they have, domination over the 3 D's, Demons, Disease, and Death.
  - ✓ Matters of personal need and compassion, just like Jesus. He had unlimited ways to prove He was the Son of God, but He revealed Himself by meeting needs.
  - ✓ He could have flown around in the sky, dried up the sea, etc.; but that's not what He did; He reveals Himself in human need.
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- ↪ Likewise, He sends His apostles with power to help people.
- ✓ Remember these guys are special. There was no New Testament to validate this new move of God and explain the New Covenant, unlike today.
  - ✓ Someone doesn't have to perform a miracle to prove the validity of the message he preaches anymore because we have the New Testament as a measure.
- ↪ Today, who should we believe? The one preaching the truth as revealed in the Bible. The bottom line is that miracles don't save anybody; all the people they healed died anyway, and all the people they fed were hungry the next day.
- ↪ Why does God send them out to meet their personal needs? Because it sets the stage for their ultimate need, reconciliation with God.
- ✓ You can get healed and delivered from demons, have your belly filled each and every day but you will stand before God whether you live or die.
  - ✓ You are a sinner, separated from God by that sin and will spend an eternity in hell separated from God if you do not repent of what you think will save you. Confess you're a sinner, submit to God's only means to reconcile sinful mankind, and that is through a sinless Savior.
  - ✓ In the near east, in the first century, funerals started almost immediately.
  - ✓ Notice, what they were sent to do; preach the Kingdom.
  - ✓ That God is the ultimate King; the universe is His kingdom; anyone whose broken His laws will be thrown out of His kingdom. God will forgive that sin and let you into His kingdom if you repent and trust the King Himself who has paid for your sins.
  - ✓ God is letting people into His kingdom, but we have to come His way!
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