

LUKE 9



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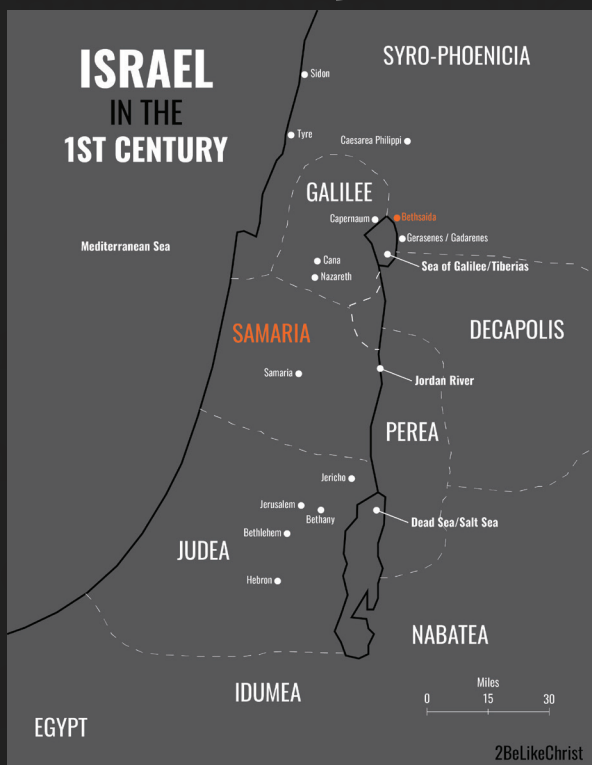
- The events of chapter 9 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Savior, son of God.
- **12 Apostles** - Peter, James, and John are featured in this chapter.
- **Herod Antipas** - Ruler of Galilee and son of Herod the Great
- **Demon Possessed Boy** - A boy tormented by an evil spirit who was brought to Jesus by his father.
- **The Samaritans** - The people of Samaria, located between Galilee and Judea.

WHERE:

- At the beginning of the chapter, Jesus sent His 12 Apostles into various cities to preach the gospel.
- Jesus fed 5,000+ people outside the town of Bethsaida.
- The Transfiguration occurred on a mountain but we are not told the name of the mountain.
- Towards the end of the chapter, Jesus travelled through the region of Samaria.



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OVERVIEW:

- THE 12 APOSTLES ARE SENT OUT TO PREACH (9:1-9:6):
 - + Jesus gave the 12 Apostles power to cast out demons and cure diseases.
 - + He sent them out into the towns to teach people about the Kingdom of God.
- HEROD IS PERPLEXED ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF JESUS (9:7-9:9):
- JESUS FEEDS 5,000+ PEOPLE (9:10-9:17):
 - + Near the town of Bethsaida, large crowds gathered to hear Jesus teach.
 - + As the day grew old, the Apostles recommended Jesus send the people away to find food and lodging.
 - + Instead, Jesus miraculously used 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed the 5,000+ people.
 - + The Apostles gathered 12 baskets full of leftovers after the meal.
- PETER'S CONFESSION AND THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE (9:18-9:27):
 - + Jesus asked the Apostles who they believed Him to be and Peter responded, "The Christ of God."
 - + Jesus spoke to them about the sacrifices they would have to make if they chose to accept Him as the Christ.
- THE TRANSFIGURATION (9:28-9:36):
 - + Jesus took James, John, and Peter up a mountain and was transfigured (changed) before their eyes.
 - + The spirit of Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and were talking with Him.
 - + A voice from heaven spoke, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!"
- A BOY WITH AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT (9:37-9:42):
 - + A father brought his possessed son to the disciples for healing but they were unsuccessful.
 - + The spirit threw the boy to the ground and convulsed him but was banished at the command of Jesus.
- JESUS DISCUSSES VARIOUS TOPICS WITH HIS DISCIPLES (9:43-9:50):
 - + He tells the disciples He will be "delivered into the hands of men."
 - + The greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven is the one who is "least" among his fellows.
 - + Jesus advised His disciples concerning a man they saw casting out demons in Jesus' name.
- THE CITIZENS OF A SAMARITAN TOWN REFUSE TO HOST JESUS (9:51-9:56):
- JESUS SPEAKS TO THREE MEN ABOUT THE COST OF FOLLOWING HIM (9:57-9:62):
 - + The first man wanted to follow Jesus but Jesus warned him "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."
 - + The second man wanted to follow Jesus but wanted to go and bury his father first.
 - + The third man wanted to follow Jesus but wanted to return home first to say goodbye to friends and family.
 - + Jesus spoke to all three men about the importance of giving the Kingdom of God first priority.

BIG PICTURE AND TAKEAWAYS:

- This chapter ought to make anyone who wants to be a Christian consider the cost and sacrifice of the decision.
- There are a lot of ideas in our world about what a Christian should be, but this is how Jesus described a disciple.
- He told His disciples the job wouldn't give them earthly glory, their leader was going to be killed, He compared their work to carrying a cross, they would have to peacefully accept rejection from people who didn't like them (like the Samaritans), and they would have to give priority to the work of God above anything else.
- Becoming a follower of Jesus is a serious commitment and shouldn't be entered into without some serious thought.