

# JESUS CHRIST SON OF MAN

## MINISTRY AND TEACHING OF JESUS [MILLENNIUM REIGN]

### I. THE TWELVE ORDAINED

A. **Luke 9:1-6** When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup>He told them: "**Take nothing for the journey--no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic.**" <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>5</sup>If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them." <sup>6</sup>So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

#### 1. WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE?

##### A. THE TWELVE WERE CALLED TO APOSTLESHIP BEFORE

(1) **Luke 6:12-16** One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. <sup>13</sup>When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

#### 2. SO WE LOOK AGAIN!

##### A. TWELVE = UNIVERSAL

(1) THIS WOULD MEAN IN THE TIME FRAME OF THE 1000 REIGN OF CHRIST THAT THIS IS TALKING OF ALL HIS FOLLOWERS.

#### 3. WHAT DID JESUS DO?

##### A. HE GAVE THEM POWER - SEE [VIRTUE] ABOVE

(1) THIS IS GIVEN. THE SECRET OF POWER.

(A) ONE CANNOT RECEIVE IT UNTIL IT IS GIVEN AND ONE WILL NOT HAVE TO "TAKE IT BY FAITH" AFTER IT IS GIVEN.

i) **John 3:27** To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.

ii) **Romans 8:25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

#### 4. WHAT WERE THEY TO DO?

##### A. PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(1) AND AFTER THE PREACHING THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND.

(A) HEAL THE SICK TO SHOW THAT THE WORD IS TRUE.

#### 5. WHEN YOU HAVE A CALL UPON YOUR LIFE. A MISSION THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO.

A. DO NOT WORRY ABOUT HAVING THE RESOURCES FOR DOING IT.

B. IF GOD HAS CALLED YOU, HE WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU.

C. IF I AM TO BELIEVE THAT GOD CALLED ME TO DO SOMETHING. THEN I MUST BELIEVE THAT HE WILL PROVIDE, THAT IS HIS KINGDOM I WILL BE PROVIDED FOR.

6. THE WAY THEY ARE TO VIEW THE PEOPLE.
  - a. <sup>5</sup>If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet
    - (1) **Ezekiel 45:1** "When you allot the land as an inheritance, you are to present to the LORD a portion of the land as a sacred district, 25,000 cubits long and 20,000 cubits wide; the entire area will be holy.
    - (2) **Amos 7:17** "Therefore this is what the LORD says:" 'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will certainly go into exile, away from their native land.' "

## II. THE WAY THE RULERS WILL SEE IT.

- A. **Luke 9:7-9** Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed, because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup>others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. <sup>9</sup>But Herod said, "I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him.
  1. **tetrarches**, **Greek 5076**, **Strong's tetrarches**, *tet-rar'-khace*; from Greek 5064 (tessares) and Greek 757 (archo); the *ruler of a fourth* part of a country ("tetrarch") :- tetrarch.
    - A. THIS WILL BE A RULER OF 1/4TH OF THE COUNTRY.
    - B. HE IS GOING TO BE TROUBLED BY WHO IS JESUS?
      - (1) PEOPLE IN HIS HOUSE HOLD WILL TELL HIM.
  2. WHY ELIJAH?
    - A. BECAUSE OF THE MIRACLES OF JESUS.
  3. HE WILL TRY AND SEE JESUS.

## III. THE RETURNING OF THE TWELVE

- A. **Luke 9:10** When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida,
  1. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS TAKING THEM ASIDE.
    - a. **Mark 6:31** And he said unto them, **Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while**: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.
  - B. REST - A NEED OF MAN
    - (1) **Psalms 37:7** Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
    - (2) **Matthew 11:28** **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**
    - (3) **Acts 9:31** Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.
    - (4) **Revelations 6:11** Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and

brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

#### IV. HEALING OF THE MULTITUDES

A. **Luke 9:11** but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

1. THE 12 HAD BEEN OUT HEALING. YOU WOULD THINK THAT ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN HEALED AT THIS TIME.

A. HE TAUGHT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

B. WHAT DID THE PEOPLE DO TO RECEIVE THIS HEALING?

(1) THEY FOLLOWED HIM!

C. THEN HE HEALED THOSE WHO HAD A NEED.

(1) **1 John 3:17** If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

(A) JESUS CHRIST WILL PROVIDE THAT WHICH IS NEEDED.

#### V. FIVE THOUSAND MIRACULOUSLY FED

A. **Luke 9:12-17** Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here." <sup>13</sup>He replied, "**You give them something to eat.**" They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish--unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." <sup>14</sup>(About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "**Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.**" <sup>15</sup>The disciples did so, and everybody sat down. <sup>16</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people. <sup>17</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

1. NUMBERS AND THEIR MEANING:

A. 5 = GRACE

(1) **Genesis 6:8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

(a) **chen, Hebrew 2580, Strong's chen, khane**; from Hebrew 2603 (chanan); *graciousness*, i.e. subjectively (*kindness, favor*) or objective (*beauty*) :- favour, grace (-ious), pleasant, precious, [well-] favoured.

i) Noah found favor or grace with God. He did not find Favor with Man, he desired favor with God. So God would treat Him in GRACE.

B. 2 = WITNESS

(1) **Deuteronomy 17:6** On the testimony of two or three witnesses a man shall be put to death, but no one shall be put to death on the testimony of only one witness.

(2) **John 8:17** **In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid.**

C. 12 = UNIVERSAL OR COMPLETE

(1) **John 6:70** Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!"

(2) **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

- that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
2. SO WHAT WAS SAID TO JESUS?
    - A. WE CAN NOT MEET THE NEED OF THIS PEOPLE!
    - B. WE FIND OUR SELVES IN A PLACE WHERE WE CAN NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.
  3. WHAT DID JESUS SAY?
    - A. YOU GIVE THEM TO EAT!
      - (1) **Matthew 6:8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
      - (2) **Hebrews 4:16** Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
  4. WHAT WAS THE REPLY?
    - A. WE ONLY HAVE!
      - (1) WHAT THEY HAD, WAS THAT ENOUGH FOR THE TWELVE AND JESUS?
  5. THEN JESUS DOES SOMETHING!
    - A. WHAT DID HE DO?
  6. WE HAVE GRACE AND WITNESS IN PLAY.
    - A. WHAT DID JESUS DO?
  7. WE MUST MIX SOMETHING WITH GRACE!
    - A. IS OBEDIENCE TO THE REVEALED WILL OF GOD EXPRESSLY COMMANDED?
      - (1) **Deuteronomy 27:10** Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.
    - B. HOW DOES GOD REGARD OBEDIENCE?
      - (1) **1 Samuel 15:22** And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.
    - C. DOES GOD EXPECT HIS COMMANDS TO BE STRICKLE ADHERE TO?
      - (1) **Deuteronomy 4:2** Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
    - D. WHO ONLY WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN [GOD]
      - (1) **Matthew 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
    - E. WHAT IS NECESSARY TO OBEY GOD PERFECTLY?
      - (1) **John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.
    - F. DID JESUS, THE CHRIST, SET US AN EXAMPLE OF PERFECT OBEDIENCE?
      - (1) **1 Peter 2:21-22** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: <sup>22</sup>Who

- did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
- G. WAS THE OBEDIENCE OF JESUS PLEASING TO THE FATHER?
    - (1) **John 8:29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.
  - H. IS OBEDIENCE REQUIRED IN OUR DAILY LIVES?
    - (1) **Colossians 3:20, 22** Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ...<sup>22</sup>Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.
  - I. I AM ABLE TO OBEY, HOW, AND WHAT IS THE RESULT?
    - (1) **Romans 6:22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.
  - J. AGAIN, IS OBEDIENCE REQUIRED EVEN IN THE PRESENCE OF GRACE?
    - (1) **Psalms 103:22** Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
8. HAVE THEM SET DOWN IN GROUPS OF ABOUT FIFTY.
- A. 50 = 5 [GRACE] TIMES 10 [LAW]
    - (1) THE RESULT
      - (A) GOD PROVIDES.
9. THEN WHAT DID JESUS DO?
- A. WHO DID HE WANT TO RECEIVE THE HONOR?
10. LOOK AT THE END RESULT.
- A. THE NEED IS MORE THAN MET.
    - (1) THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD
      - (A) GOODNESS AND TRUTH
        - i) **Exodus 34:6** And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,
      - (B) HONOR TO A MAN
        - i) **2 Corinthians 12:4-6** was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. <sup>5</sup>I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say.
      - (C) GRACE
        - i) **2 Corinthians 4:15** For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.
        - ii) **1 Timothy 1:14** And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant

with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

(D) INWARD AFFECTION

- i) **2 Corinthians 7:15** And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

(E) THANKSGIVING

- i) **2 Corinthians 9:12** For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

(F) MERCY

- i) **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

## VI. PETER'S CONFESSION

- A. **Luke 9:18-20** And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, **Whom say the people that I am?** <sup>19</sup>They answering said, John the Baptist; but some *say*, Elias; and others *say*, that one of the old prophets is risen again. <sup>20</sup>He said unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** Peter answering said, The Christ of God

1. IN YOUR MIND PICTURE THE SCENE THAT WAS JUST DESCRIBED.
  - A. WHAT DOES IT TELL US ABOUT THE LORD?
  - B. IF THEY WERE ALL THERE, WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS WAS ALONE?
2. WHAT HAS THE QUESTION TO DO WITH JESUS BEING ALONE?
  - A. **John 1:9-11** *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
3. IN THE BOOK OF LUKE JESUS IS CALLED THE CHRIST.
  - A. **Christos, Greek 5547, Strong's Christos, khris-tos'**; from Greek 5548 (chrío); *anointed*, i.e. the *Messiah*, an epithet of Jesus :- Christ.  
(1) IN THIS BOOK JESUS IS PRESENTED AS THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED OF GOD.
4. IN THE BOOK OF JOHN, JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.
  - A. **John 6:69** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.
5. THE QUESTION FOR ALL MEN, WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT I AM.
  - A. SOME TODAY SAY:
    - (1) TEACHER
    - (2) PROPHET
  - B. THE QUESTION THAT WILL BRING SALVATION OR ETERNAL DEATH
    - (1) **Romans 10:9-10** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
<sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

VII. JESUS TELL US THE COST OF OBEDIENCE!

- A. **Luke 9:21-22** Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. <sup>22</sup>And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

1. NOT TO TELL THAT HE WAS THE CHRIST
2. THE THINGS THAT CHRIST MUST DO!
  - A. SUFFER MANY THINGS
  - B. REJECTED BY THE ELDERS
  - C. REJECTED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS
  - D. REJECTED BY THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW
  - E. HE MUST DIE, MUST BE KILLED
  - F. THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED TO LIFE

VIII. JESUS TELL US THE COST OF OUR OBEDIENCE AND THE VALUE THAT IT WILL PRODUCES!

- A. **Luke 9:23-26** Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. <sup>25</sup>What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? <sup>26</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

1. SEVEN THINGS THAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED!

A WILLINGNESS TO FOLLOW CHRIST	<b>John 7:17</b> If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. <b>Revelations 22:17</b> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.
LIVE UNASHAMED OF CHRIST AND HIS WORD	<b>Mark 8:36</b> What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? <b>John 3:34</b> For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. <b>John 14:23</b> Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." <b>2 Corinthians 1:20</b> For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.



<p>DENY SELF - SELF-DEPENDANCE SELF INTEREST SELF PURSUITS</p>	<p><b>Romans 6:17-23</b> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p> <p><b>Romans 8:1-13</b> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; <sup>7</sup>the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,</p> <p><b>Galatians 5:19-24</b> The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.</p> <p><b>Col. 3:1-10</b> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your</p>
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<p>TAKE UP THE CROSS DAILY - NOT PERIODICALLY, OR WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT AND PROFITABLE</p>	<p><b>Romans 6:11-13</b> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.</p> <p><b>Romans 8:12-13</b> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,</p> <p><b>Colossians 1:23</b> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.</p> <p><b>Colossians 2:6-7</b> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.</p> <p><b>Colossians 3:5-10</b> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.</p>
<p>WALK DAILY, NOT JUST FOR A WHILE</p>	<p><b>Hebrews 3:6-14</b> But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. <sup>7</sup>So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup>do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, <sup>9</sup>where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. <sup>10</sup>That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' <sup>11</sup>So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.' " <sup>12</sup>See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. <sup>14</sup>We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.</p>

LIVE FREE FROM THE LOVE OF THE WORLD	<p><b>Romans 12:1-2</b> Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.</p> <p><b>James 4:4</b> You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.</p> <p><b>1 John 2:15-17</b> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.</p>
LOSE LIFE, NOT GAIN IT	<p><b>Matthew 19:29</b> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.</p> <p><b>Romans 8:16-18</b> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. <sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.</p> <p><b>1 Peter 1:4-5</b> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.</p>

- B. COME IN HIS GLORY, AND IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY, AND OF THE HOLY ANGELS
1. THIS IS POINTING AS ALL OF THIS BOOK TO THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST.
- Matthew 16:27** For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.
  - Matthew 24:29-31** "Immediately after the distress of those days " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' <sup>30</sup>"At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup>He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power <sup>10</sup>on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. <sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup>and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup>For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie <sup>12</sup>and so that all will be condemned who have

- not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.
- e. **Jude 1:14** Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones

## IX. TRANSFIGURATION PREVIEW, THE COMING OF THE "KINGDOM OF GOD"

- A. **Luke 9:27-36** **I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.**" <sup>28</sup>About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) <sup>34</sup>While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.
1. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH
    - A. IT SEEMS STRANGE THAT JESUS MUST SAY THIS. BUT TO THIS DAY, WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN IS STILL IN DISPUTE AND NOT UNDERSTOOD.
  2. JUST WHAT DID JESUS SAY?
    - A. SOME WHO ARE STANDING HERE.
      - (1) WILL NOT TASTE DEATH [BEFORE]
      - (A) THEY SHALL SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
  3. [ABOUT EIGHT DAYS]
    - A. EIGHT = JUDGEMENTS
      - (1) WHAT JUDGEMENTS
        - (A) JUDGEMENTS ON HOW WE HAVE OBEYED GOD.
        - (B) JUDGEMENTS ON HOW WE HAVE TREATED OUR FELLOW MAN.
          - 1) JESUS IS BEING JUDGED AS TO HIS EARTHLY WALK.
  4. WHAT HAPPENS HERE?
    - A. JESUS IS TRANSFORMED.
      - (1) HE HAS BEEN CHANGED, IN THE TWINKLING OF A EYE
        - (A) **2 Peter 1:16-18** We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.
      - (2) JESUS HAS JUST **ENTERED INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**
        - (A) HE HAS FULFILLED THE LAW.
        - (B) WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
          - 1) **GENESIS 5:24** ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD; THEN HE WAS NO MORE, BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM AWAY.
          - A) WHILE JESUS WAS PRAYING [TALKING WITH GOD THE FATHER], THE FATHER TRANSFORMED HIM.
        - (C) WHAT DID PETER SAY ABOUT THIS?
          - 1) **Romans 8:23-25** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the

Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

- ii) **Philip. 3:21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

(3) WITHOUT A QUESTION, JESUS HAS JUST ENTERED BODILY INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. HE HAS PUT ON HIS GLORIOUS BODY.

## B. BUT NOW THE MIRACLE OF ALL MIRACLES STARTS TO TAKE PLACE.

### 1. WHAT IS THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JESUS, MOSES AND ELIAS ABOUT?

- A. "They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem."

### B. TO UNDERSTAND THIS WE MUST GO BACK TO THE LAW, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS.

- (1) **Exodus 21:1-6** "These are the laws you are to set before them: <sup>2</sup>"If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything. <sup>3</sup>If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him. <sup>4</sup>If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free. <sup>5</sup>"But if the servant declares, 'I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,' <sup>6</sup>then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

- i) SIX YEARS = JESUS HAS FULFILLED THE LAW REGARDING A MAN.

A) HE, AS ENOCH IS FREE TO GO HOME WITH THE FATHER.

B) BUT IF HE GOES, HE GOES ALONE.

C) NO MOSES, NO ELIJAH, NO YOU AND ME.

- ii) JESUS NOW SAYS, "I LOVE MY MASTER [THE FATHER], MY WIFE, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND MY CHILDREN, YOU AND ME [HIS CREATION]

iii) JESUS DOES NOT WANT TO GO FREE [KINGDOM OF GOD] WITHOUT US.

iv) HE MUST NOW GO BEFORE THE JUDGES

A) AND WE SHALL SEE THAT HE DOES.

v) AND HE SHALL BE PIERCED.

vi) AND HE SHALL SERVE THE LORD GOD FOREVER AND EVER.

### C. NOW THE THREE WITH JESUS DID NOT HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHAT WAS GOING ON!

#### 1. THEY, LIKE MANY TODAY WERE SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP.

- A. <sup>32</sup>PETER AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE VERY SLEEPY, BUT WHEN THEY BECAME FULLY AWAKE, THEY SAW HIS GLORY AND THE TWO MEN STANDING WITH HIM

#### 2. AND THE RESPONSE TODAY, IS MUCH LIKE IT WAS THEN.

- A. MASTER, IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE. LET US PUT UP THREE SHELTERS--ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES AND ONE FOR ELIJAH." (HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS SAYING.)

(1) MAN WANTS TO BUILD A STRUCTURE FOR JESUS.

(A) THINK ABOUT THE GREAT CATHEDRALS OF THE WORLD.

(B) THINGS THAT MEN SAY THEY HAVE BUILT TO HONOR JESUS.

#### 3. BUT GOD DOES NOT LEAVE US IN IGNORANCE!

- A. "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

(1) THE FATHER SAYS, "LISTEN TO HIM"

(A) AND FROM NOW ON IN THIS BOOK, WE ARE GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT JESUS HAS TO SAY IN THE "LIGHT" OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED.

X. POWERLESS DISCIPLES; MIGHTY CHRIST

A. **Luke 9:37-43** The next day, when they came down from the mountain, [HILL IN THE KING JAMES] a large crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>"O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup>And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples,

1. THE NEXT DAY

A. THIS SPEAKS TO ME OF A CHANGE OF PERIOD AGAIN. WE ARE NOW GOING TO LEARN ABOUT ENTRANCE INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, POWER IN THE KINGDOM, A RELATIONSHIP IN THE KINGDOM.

2. WHAT WAS JESUS ASK TO DO?

A. LOOK AT MY SON!

B. LOOK AT HIS CONDITION!

3. WHAT DID HE HAVE TO TELL JESUS?

A. I BEGGED YOUR DISCIPLES TO DRIVE IT OUT, BUT THEY COULD NOT!

(1) WHO WERE THESE DISCIPLES?

(2) HAD THEY BEEN GIVEN THIS POWER BEFORE?

(A) **Luke 9:1** When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,

(3) SO WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

(A) **Matthew 17:19-21** Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

<sup>21</sup>Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

4. NOW WHAT DOES JESUS SAY?

a. "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

(1) WHAT GENERATION IS JESUS SPEAKING TO?

(2) WHO WAS HE SPEAKING TO?

(3) HE ASKS A QUESTION!

(4) WHAT DID HE SAY TO THE FATHER?

(5) HOW DOES THIS END, WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO JESUS?

XI. JESUS AGAIN FORETELLS HIS DEATH!

A. **Luke 9:44-45** "Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand what this meant. It

was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

1. AS YOU CAN SEE, JESUS DID NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE HEALING IN THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE. IN THE KINGDOM FROM HEAVEN IT WAS IMPORTANT. BUT IN THE SON OF MAN, IT IS HIS DEATH AND WHAT IT WILL ACCOMPLISH THAT IS IMPORTANT.
2. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT JESUS HAS TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS.
3. THIS HAPPENS AFTER HIS TRANSFIGURATION.
4. HE KEEPS HIS MIND SET UPON THE TASK THAT IS SET BEFORE HIM.
5. EVEN AT THIS TIME, WHAT WAS THE RELATIONSHIP OF HIS CLOSEST FOLLOWERS WITH HIM?
6. AND JESUS STATES THAT HE IS TO BE "BETRAYED"

## XII. THE LESSON FOR US TODAY, THE LESSON OF HUMILITY!

- A. **Luke 9:46-48** An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. <sup>47</sup>Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. <sup>48</sup>Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all--he is the greatest."

1. THE DISCIPLES HAD NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMING SUFFERING OF THE KING. BUT THEY KNEW THAT THERE WOULD BE PLACES OF LEADERSHIP IN THIS NEW RELIGION AND THEY ALL WANTED TO BE THE LEADER.
2. NOTE: JESUS DID NOT REBUKE THEM FOR THEIR QUESTION.
3. BUT THE REQUIREMENT THAT HE GAVE THEM. THINGS IN THE KINGDOM WILL NOT BE AS THEY ARE IN THE WORLD.
4. TO BE GREAT IN THE KINGDOM TO COME, ONE MUST BE A SERVANT. ONE WHO "WELCOMES THIS LITTLE CHILD IN MY NAME"

### A. I MUST BE A SERVANT TO GOD!

- (1) **2 Kings 10:23** Then Jehu and Jehonadab son of Recab went into the temple of Baal. Jehu said to the ministers of Baal, "Look around and see that no servants of the LORD are here with you--only ministers of Baal."

#### (A) MOSES

- i) **Exodus 14:31** And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

#### (B) DAVID

- i) **2 Samuel 3:18** Now do it! For the LORD promised David, 'By my servant David I will rescue my people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all their enemies.' "

#### (C) JOB

- i) **Job 1:8** Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

## XIII. SECTARIANISM REBUKED

- A. **Luke 9:49-50** "Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." <sup>50</sup>"Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for

you."

1. we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him
  - a. THE GREAT SIN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST TODAY.
  - b. LET US LOOK CLOSE AT WHAT THIS VERSE SAYS!!!!!!
    - (1) WHAT WERE THEY DOING?
      - (A) LOOK BACK AT VERSE "40"
    - (2) WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM THAT THE DISCIPLES WERE HAVING?
      - (A) WHAT IS THE PROBLEM IN THE BODY OF CHRIST TODAY?
  - c. WHAT DID THE DISCIPLES TRY TO DO?
    - (1) WHAT WAS THE RESULT?
2. NOW LOOK CLOSE AT WHAT JESUS TOLD THEM.
  - A. <sup>50</sup>"Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."
    - (1) DO NOT STOP HIM!
  - B. WHY?
    - (1) for whoever is not against you is for you."
3. JESUS SAY IT AGAIN!
  - A. FOR WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST YOU IS FOR YOU."
  - B. FOR WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST YOU IS FOR YOU."
4. IN THE ARMY THEY HAVE ENEMY IDENTIFICATION CLASSES. WHAT DOES THE CHURCH NEED TODAY?
  - A. **Isaiah 33:10-12** "Now will I arise," says the LORD. "Now will I be exalted; now will I be lifted up. <sup>11</sup>You conceive chaff, you give birth to straw; your breath is a fire that consumes you. <sup>12</sup>The peoples will be burned as if to lime; like cut thorn bushes they will be set ablaze."
    - (1) THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST.
    - (2) A PICTURE OF WHAT THE LORD WILL DO TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW SATAN.
5. THE CHURCH HAS MANY OUT THERE THAT ARE AGAINST THEM. THEY ARE THE ONES THE CHURCH NEEDS TO WORRY ABOUT. NOT THOSE WHO ARE OUT TO DEFEAT SATAN.

#### XIV. JESUS REJECTED BY SAMARITANS

- A. **Luke 9:51-53** And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, <sup>52</sup>And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. <sup>53</sup>And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.
  1. JESUS HAS A MISSION TO DO!
    - A. WHAT IS HIS ATTITUDE ABOUT IT.
      - (1) IT IS TIME FOR HIS PURPOSE TO CHANGE!
        - (A) HIS MINISTRY TO THIS POINT!
          - i) **Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.
        - (b) AFTER HE COMES DOWN FROM THE HILL, WHAT IS HIS MINISTRY?
          - i) **Matthew 20:28** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
          - ii) **Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



- iii) **Galatians 1:4** who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
  - iv) **1 Timothy 2:4-6** who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.
  - v) **Titus 2:14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.
  - vi) **Hebrews 2:14-15** Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.
  - vii) **1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
  - viii) **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,
  - ix) **Rev. 1:5** and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
2. BE RECEIVED UP,
- a. **2 Kings 2:11** And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.  
(1) Same root word. **`alah, Hebrew 5927, Strong's `alah, aw-law'**; a primitive root; to *ascend*,
3. THE SAMARITANS DID NOT RECEIVE HIM, WHY?
- A. THEY HAD FORMED THEIR OWN RELIGION. A MIXTURE OF JUDAISM AND PAGANISM. THEY ADOPTED THE PENTATEUCH AS THE SOLE SACRED BOOK AND ERECTED THEIR OWN TEMPLE.  
(1) THE TAUGHT THAT THE MESSIAH WAS NO GREATER THAN MOSES AND WOULD APPEAR 6,000 YEARS AFTER CREATION OF MAN, WOULD LIVE 110 YEARS AND LEAD ALL MEN TO THE TRUE FAITH.
  - B. SO WHY WERE THEY SO UPSET WITH JESUS AFTER ALL THAT HE HAD DONE FOR THEM?

#### XV. THE LESSON ON RETALIATING

- A. **Luke 9:54-56** And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? <sup>55</sup>But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, **Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.** <sup>56</sup>For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.
- 1. WHO WANTED THE FIRE TO COME DOWN?
- 2. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THEM?
- 3. WHAT DID THE SAMARITANS DO THAT WAS SO BAD?
- 4. WHAT DID JESUS DO? WHY? HOW OFTEN HAVE WE SEEN HIM DO THIS? WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HE DOES?
- 5. JESUS MAKES IT CLEAR WHAT HIS MISSION IS
- A. IS OUR MISSION ANY DIFFERENT? IS IT AS CLEAR?

#### XVI. THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP!

- A. **Luke 9:57-62** And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain *man* said unto

him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said unto him, **Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.** <sup>59</sup>And he said unto another, **Follow me.** But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. <sup>60</sup>Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.** <sup>61</sup>And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said unto him, **No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

1. WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?
  - A. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAME INTO BEING. "IT CAME TO PASS"
2. WHERE WERE THE DISCIPLES AND JESUS
  - A. [THEY WENT **IN THE WAY**]
    - (1) **hodos, Greek 3598, Strong's hodos, hod-os'**; apparently a primary word; a *road*; by implication a *progress* (the route, act or distance); figurative a *mode* or *means* :- journey, (high-) way.
    - (2) THE WAY = MORE THAN FIFTY DIFFERENT WAYS ARE TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE. THIS IS "THE WAY" OF DISCIPLESHIP
3. THE FIRST MAN!
  - A. WHAT WAS HIS STATEMENT?
    - (1) I WILL FOLLOW YOU WHERE EVER YOU GO?
      - (A) WHERE WAS JESUS GOING?
    - (2) WHAT WAS THE ANSWER THAT JESUS GAVE HIM?
      - (A) WHAT WAS IT'S MEANING?
      - (B) SOME PEOPLE TODAY FOLLOW JESUS FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
      - (C) WHAT MIGHT HE SAY TO THEM?
4. THE SECOND MAN!
  - A. JESUS SAYS TO HIM, "**Follow me.**"
    - (1) THIS WAS NOT A COMMAND, FOR THE MAN HAS A CHOICE. JESUS IS TEACHING US THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP.
  - B. WHAT DID THE MAN SAY?
    - (1) "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father."
      - (A) WHAT DID HE CALL JESUS?
        - i) IF THAT IS TRUE, IF JESUS IS LORD, DID JESUS NOT KNOW ABOUT THE DEAD FATHER.
        - ii) IF JESUS CALLS US TODAY TO A TASK, DO WE NOT BELIEVE THAT HE KNOWS ALL THE ISSUES INVOLVED. DO WE THINK THAT WE NEED TO TELL HIM WHAT CONFRONTS US?
  - C. WHAT DID JESUS NOW SAY?
    - (1) **Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.**
      - (a) WE MUST TAKE AND SEE AND HEAR THE ANSWER
        - i) WHAT WE HEARD WAS AN EXCUSE. THE DEAD ARE BURIED THE DAY THEY DIE. THIS MAN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING JESUS IF HIS FATHER HAD JUST DIED.
        - ii) JESUS SAYS LET THE SPIRITUALLY DEAD BURY THE DEAD.
          - A) **1 Timothy 5:6** But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even

while she lives.

iii) You go and preach the Kingdom of God.

d. THE THIRD MAN

(1) Lord, I will follow thee

(a) THIS IS A DECLARATION.

(B) I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.

(C) **Psalm 16:11** You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

(2) **BUT**

(a) DOES IT MATTER WHAT THIS BUT IS?

(3) HEAR THE WORDS OF THE LORD!

(A) **No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God**

E. WHAT IS THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP?

(1)