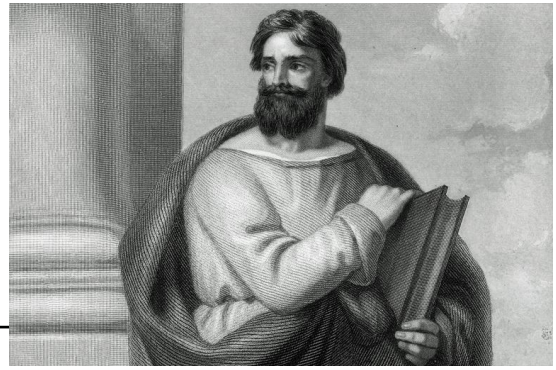


# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

# LUKE



## LUKE 10:1-24

### A SECOND LIMITED COMMISSION (10:1-16)

- Compare the first limited commission with the second limited commission:

**Luke 9:1-6** “And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. And He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece. “Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city. “And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.”

**Luke 10:1-16** “Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. “Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. “Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ “If a man of peace is there, your

peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. “Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. “Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you; and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ “But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ “I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. “But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. “And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades! “The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.””

- How did they go out?
  - 12
  - 70
- What was their message?
  - 12
  - 70
- What were they to take with them?
  - 12
  - 70
- Where were they to stay?
  - 12
  - 70
- What were they to do about rejection?
  - 12
  - 70
- Signs or miracles?
  - 12
  - 70 (see v. 17)
- Warnings?
  - 12
  - 70
- Other?
  - 12
  - 70
- Why was Sodom and Gomorrah to be better tolerated than Chorazin and Bethsaida?
  - What had Chorazin and Bethsaida had that S&G didn't?
  - What does this say about responsibility of those with more advantage?

- Vs. 16 — About listening or rejecting...
  - When we teach the truth, what must the hearer remember?
  - If the hearer rejects the message of the one teaching the truth, who is he really rejecting?

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## **THE 70 RETURN (10:17-20)**

- Were the 70 encouraged or discouraged by this missionary “exercise”?
  - What did they find especially exciting?
- What did Jesus mean by (v.18) “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning”?
- What did Jesus mean (v. 19) by saying that these disciples had the power to “tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you”?
  - Does this apply to us today in *any* way? (Why or why not?)
- Despite the powers that they had been given, what did Jesus tell them the greatest reason to rejoice was?
  - What does this teach us about what is important?
- What can we learn from the larger story (10:1-20)...
  - about the ease or difficulty of evangelism?
  - about our message?
  - about the responsibility of the hearers?

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## JESUS REJOICES IN PRAYER ABOUT THEIR SUCCESS (10:21-24)

- In Jesus' prayer, what was "hidden...from the wise and intelligent"?
- Why does Jesus call His evangelizing disciples "infants"?
- Compare this with Paul's teaching...1 Corinthians 1:18-25 "For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."
- What things had been handed over to Jesus by the Father?
  - What is the point of Jesus saying that "no one knows who the Son is except the Father"?
  - What is Jesus' point in saying, ""no one knows who...the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him"?
- Discuss Jesus' remark about these disciples seeing and hearing what people for millennia wanted to see, but could not? (And what about us?)