

The Gospel According To

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The True Identity of Jesus and the High Cost of Following Him

Luke 9:1-27

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Matthew 10:8 ⁸Heal *the* sick, *raise the dead*, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

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Jesus instructs them to not take provisions, as they will be provided (v3)

Jesus tells them to stay where they are welcomed and to warn places that do not welcome them (vv4-5)

The disciples depart and do as they were instructed (v6)

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Truth about Christ

Faith of Christ

Contentment of Christ

Warning from Christ

Mark 6:12 ¹²They went out and preached *that men should repent.*

Herod's Misunderstanding of Jesus' True Identity (vv7-9)

Herod hears of Jesus and is greatly perplexed about who He is (v7a)

Some think He is John the Baptist or Elijah or one of the other prophets of old (vv7b-8)

Herod asks, "Who is this man?" and keeps trying to see Him (v9)

Luke 23:11 ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

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The disciples depart and do as Jesus commanded (v6)

The 12 Apostles return and report all that they had done (v10a)

Luke 22:35 ³⁵And He said to them, “When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, *you did not lack anything, did you?*” They said, “*No, nothing.*”

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The Feeding of the 5,000+ (vv10b-17)

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Mark 6:33 ³³ *The people saw them going, and many recognized them and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.*



The Feeding of the 5,000+ (vv10b-17)

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Jesus welcomed and taught the people while healing those in need (v11b)

In late evening, the 12 tell Jesus to send the people away for food and lodging (v12)

Jesus instead tells the disciples to feed them – they respond “how?” (v13)

There were perhaps 15,000+ people including men, women, and children (vv14-15)

Matthew 14:21²¹ There were about five thousand men who ate, *besides women and children.*

Mark 6:39³⁹ And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the *green grass.*













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Jesus, as the divine Provider, miraculously feeds all the people (v16)
Jesus' provision was utterly satisfying to the people (v17)

Colossians 1:16–17 ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.







The Disciples Understanding of Jesus' True Identity (vv18-21)

Jesus asks the disciples “Who do the people say that I am?” (vv18-19)

- Answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets of old

Jesus then asks them, “But who do you say that I am?” (v20)

- Peter responds for the disciples that He is the divine Messiah

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Matthew 16:17–18 ¹⁷And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

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Jesus tells the disciples not to further reveal His identity until the right time (v21)

Jesus gives His first direct prophecy concerning His suffering, death, and resurrection (v22)

The High Cost of Following Jesus (vv23-27)

Jesus tells the crowd that to truly belong to Him, one must: (v23)

- Deny himself – *to disown personal merit before God and pursue no longer being one's own master*
- Take up his cross daily – *to be willing to endure whatever consequences may come in embracing Christ, even if it means death*
- Follow Jesus – *to pursue and display a pattern of obedience to Christ*

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Jesus explains that: (vv24-26)

- Living for self leads to eternal death
- Dying to self leads to eternal life
- He will reject those who reject Him and His words

Jesus says some present will soon see a foretaste of the Son coming with His kingdom in glory (v27)

Closing

Jesus loves truth and loves people

Jesus uses His disciples to put Himself on display to others

- *How are you doing?*

Jesus truly is the all-sufficient, fully-satisfying Bread of Life and Divine Messiah!

- *Who do you say that Christ is?*

Jesus says that the costs to follow Him are high – but the rewards are great!

- *Would you be willing to die for the sake of Christ?*
- *If yes, then are you willing to live your life daily for the sake of Christ?*