

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Twenty-nine -- John 10:1-21; Luke 10:1-24

Summary of Lesson

We continue our study of the life and teachings of Jesus during the sixth period of His life -- the Period of Judaeon Ministry. We have previously noted that Jesus left Capernaum in Galilee, passed through Samaria and came into Jerusalem to attend the feast of the tabernacles. His stay in Jerusalem was full of controversy, as His teaching and miracles produced enemies as well as disciples. In this lesson we find Jesus still in Jerusalem and teaching the Jews, making the claim for Himself that He is the Good Shepherd. The Jews, as a consequence, were divided in their thinking about Jesus. At the end of John 10:21 a period of about two months elapses before the events of the balance of that chapter take place. In this lesson we will study part of these events as they are recorded in Luke 10:1-24. After teaching concerning the Good Shepherd, Jesus instructed seventy men, and sent them forth two-by-two to teach the Jews in Judaea and Peraea. After awhile they return to Jesus and gave Him a report on their journeys. Jesus then gave thanks for the wisdom of God.

John 10:1-21

{1} "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. {2} "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. {3} "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. {4} "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. {5} "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." {6} Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. {7} Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. {8} "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. {9} "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. {10} "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. {11} "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. {12} "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and

flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. {13} "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. {14} "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. {15} "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. {16} "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. {17} "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. {18} "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." {19} Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. {20} And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" {21} Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Luke 10:1-24

{1} After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. {2} Then He said to

them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. {3} "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. {4} "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. {5} "But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' {6} "And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. {7} "And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. {8} "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. {9} "And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' {10} "But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, {11} 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' {12} "But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. {13} "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. {14} "But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. {15} "And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. {16} "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." {17} Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." {18} And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. {19} "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. {20} "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." {21} In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even

so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. {22} "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." {23} Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; {24} "for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

Questions on Lesson Twenty-nine

1. Whom did Jesus say He had seen falling from heaven?
2. When some accused Jesus of possessing a devil, how did others respond?
3. What will the good shepherd do for his sheep?
4. Who opens the door for the shepherd?
5. What city had been exalted to heaven?
6. Why were the seventy blessed?
7. For what did Jesus ask the seventy to pray?
8. Why did Jesus come?
9. The seventy whom Jesus had sent out were surprised to learn that even whom were subject to them?
10. For what did Jesus thank His father?
11. What things were the seventy not to carry with them?
12. What of the man who despised (rejected) the teaching of the seventy?
13. What is the consequence when a man enters the sheepfold through Christ?
14. What power was given to the seventy?
15. What did Jesus say He would do with His other sheep?
16. Why should the seventy rejoice?
17. Why will the sheep not follow a stranger?
18. What two cities were worse than Tyre and Sidon?
19. What does a hireling do when the wolf comes?
20. What is the man who strives to enter the sheepfold by some other way than through the door?