

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Twenty -Matt. 9:27-38; 13:54-58; 10:1-42, 11:1; Mark 6:1-13; Luke 9:1-6

Summary of Lesson

In our last lesson Jesus and His disciples had returned from the country of the Gadarenes to Capernaum, where He had healed the woman with the issue of blood and raised the daughter of Jairus. In this lesson, Jesus made a tour of central Galilee, going down to Nazareth and other cities and returning to Capernaum. As he left Capernaum He restored the sight of two blind men and cast a devil out of a demoniac. He then went down to Nazareth where He taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath, but was able to do little good because of the unbelief of the Nazarenes. Seeing the multitudes, Jesus was moved with compassion and called His twelve disciples to Him, giving them instructions and sending them out to preach and teach in all Galilee. Jesus Himself then went into various cities of central Galilee to finish His tour.

Matthew 13:54-58

{54} And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? {55} "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? {56} "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" {57} So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." {58} Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Matt. 9:27-38

{27} When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" {28} And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." {29} Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." {30} And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." {31} But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. {32} As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. {33}

And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" {34} But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." {35} Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. {36} But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. {37} Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. {38} "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Matthew 10:1-42

{1} And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. {2} Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; {3} Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; {4} Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. {5} These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. {6} "But go ra-

ther to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. {7} “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ {8} “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. {9} “Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, {10} “nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. {11} “Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. {12} “And when you go into a household, greet it. {13} “If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. {14} “And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. {15} “Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city! {16} “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. {17} “But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. {18} “You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. {19} “But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; {20} “for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. {21} “Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. {22} “And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. {23} “When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. {24} “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. {25} “It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! {26} “Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. {27} “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear,

preach on the housetops. {28} “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. {29} “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. {30} “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. {31} “Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. {32} “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. {33} “But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. {34} “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. {35} “For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; {36} “and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ {37} “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. {38} “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. {39} “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. {40} “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. {41} “He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. {42} “And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Matthew 11:1

{1} Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

Mark 6:1-13

{1} Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. {2} And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty

works are performed by His hands! {3} “Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they were offended at Him. {4} But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” {5} Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. {6} And He marvelled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. {7} And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. {8} He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff; no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts; {9} but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. {10} Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. {11} “And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a tes-

timony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” {12} So they went out and preached that people should repent. {13} And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

Luke 9:1-6

{1} Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. {2} He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. {3} And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. {4} “Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. {5} “And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” {6} So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Questions on Lesson Twenty

1. Why did Jesus not do many mighty works in His own country?
2. “Behold, I send you forth as _____ in the midst of _____: be ye therefore _____ as serpents, and harmless _____.”
3. What were the apostles not to take with them on their preaching journey?
4. For what price are two sparrows sold?
5. How did the blind men address Jesus?
6. When a person received one of the apostles, whom did he also receive?
7. What two things about Jesus astonished the people of His home town?
8. What was the surname of Lebbaeus?
9. What were the apostles to do when a city would not receive them?
10. Why was Jesus moved with compassion when He saw the multitudes?
11. The disciple is not above whom?
12. What were the names of Jesus’ brothers?
13. Did the blind men follow Jesus’ instructions?
14. Where is the prophet without honor?
15. What of the man who loses his life for Christ’s sake?
16. How did Jesus send forth the apostles?
17. “Then saith he unto his _____, The _____ truly is _____, but the _____ are few.”
18. What question did Jesus ask the blind men?
19. Who is not worthy of Christ?
20. Unto whom did Jesus send the twelve on this first commission?