

THE EVANGELISTIC MISSION OF THE TWELVE

(Luke 9:1-17)

A. THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE DISCIPLES TO ISRAEL (Luke 9:1-11)

1. The “Twelve” had been hand-picked by the Lord some months prior (6:13-16); and they had been _____ to Jesus’ _____ over demons, disease, and death. (v. 1a)

2. With God’s calling comes God’s enabling...
 - a. THE ENABLING: “He...gave them _____ and _____.” (v. 1b)

 - b. THE CALLING: “He sent them to _____ the kingdom of God and to _____ the sick.” (v. 2)

* How could we call this a “dress rehearsal” for the early Church?

3. Jesus gave specific instructions for this mission’s trip...
 - a. The duration was going to be a _____ trip, so they were to travel light; thus, there was definitely a sense of _____ to it. (v. 3)

 - b. The disciples were to not offend their hosts, whatever family showed them _____ was the home where they were to _____ until they left that town. (v. 4)

 - c. Jesus anticipated some rejection for His disciples and He instructed them to “shake off the very _____” from their sandals to indicate extreme _____ for these people. (v. 5)

4. The Messiah’s disciples went on this mission’s tour two by two (Mark 6:7), preaching the _____ in villages throughout Galilee. (v. 6)

5. This tour drew the _____ of even those in the highest levels of government; Herod Antipas asked the _____ question concerning Jesus' identity, "*who is this of whom I hear such things?*" (vv. 7-9)

6. When the apostles returned they had some time to give Jesus a _____ in a private location before the multitudes eventually found Him. (vv. 10-11)

B. THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000 MEN (Luke 9:12-21)

1. While the disciples didn't have a problem sending the people away _____, the Lord was much too _____ to do such a thing. (v. 12)

2. When Jesus told them to "*give them something to eat,*" He was merely showing His disciples their complete _____ of resources, so they would _____ to Him for help. (v. 13)

3. His disciples were instructed to separate the people in groups of fifty; as He gave thanks and distributed the food, a _____ occurred, the supply _____ diminished until all 5,000 plus were filled. (vv. 14-17)

4. By this supernatural act of provision the Messiah had shown Himself _____ for the nation Israel; He could provide _____ for 1,000 years if the people would but believe His message. (John 6:13-15)

* How can you personally apply this truth?