

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

(Luke 9:18-27)

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

B. THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000 MEN (Luke 9:12-17)

C. JESUS' PREDICTION OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION (Luke 9:18-22)

1. Only Luke records that Jesus was _____; Christ's constant _____ upon His Father is one of Luke's unique emphases. (v. 18a)

* What can you learn from this?

2. Jesus' _____ was a question Herod had asked (in v. 9) and the crowd had after the feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:14); and so, Jesus focused in on this _____ issue with His disciples. (v. 18b)

3. People may have had various _____ and ideas about Jesus' identity, but His disciples needed to have solid _____ as to who He was. (vv. 19-20a)

4. Speaking on behalf of the other disciples, Peter was clear that Jesus was _____ than just a prophet, He was the _____ of God. (v. 20b, cf. Matt. 16:16)

5. For the first time in this section Jesus taught His disciples about His ultimate mission...

- a. that He had to _____ and the religious leaders would play a prominent role in the matter (v. 22a)
- b. that He would be _____ from the _____ on the third day (v. 22b)

D. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP (Luke 9:23-27)

1. In light of this future rejection, Jesus proceeded to explain to His disciples the _____ or the consequences of _____ following Him.
2. Denying self involves discarding one's personal _____ and _____ in order to fulfill the will of God; it means living for _____ sake rather than merely living for your own. (v. 23a)
3. Taking up one's cross implies the _____ and even the _____ that is associated with your chosen way of life. (v. 23b)
4. The concept of shame and loss is now expanded, God will abundantly _____ you later if you are willing to _____ here and now. (v. 24)
5. The answer to Jesus' question is that there _____ a career choice, a relationship, a fortune nor an indulgence in sin that is _____ your own soul in the process. (v. 25)
6. Anyone who is ashamed of Christ now will _____ take up a cross and follow Him, consequently when the Son of Man returns _____ will be ashamed of that individual. (v. 26, cf. Mark 8:38; 2 Tim. 2:11-13; 1 John 2:28)
7. The "transfiguration" was a preview to three disciples who saw Christ _____ in the Millennial Kingdom. (v. 27, cf. 2 Pet. 1:16-18)

* How can you personally apply this truth today?