

THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN THE GOSPELS
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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Matthew 11:1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.



Everyone is deployed into Galilee on this third missionary tour.

- The disciples are now on their first tour on their own, without the Lord.
- In the first two tours they followed and observed the Lord.

There are three passages that let us know what happened-

Mark 6:12 They went out and **preached** . . .

“Went out” into Galilee to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

- **Preached** - κηρύσσω – KERUSSO – “*Speak with authority and conviction as a herald*”
 - They spoke from the housetops.
 - They stood before the city gates.

. . . that *men* should repent.

- ἵνα – HINA – “*In order that*” plus μετανοέω – METANOEO – “*To change one’s mind about something*”

Mark 6:12 (corrected translation) They went out and preached [with authority and conviction] **in order that they all** [Jews] **should change their minds**.

The disciples heralded the message that Israel’s Messiah had come.

Their primary message was - ***The kingdom of heaven is at hand*** - Matt 10:7

- That is what the Lord instructed them to preach.
- The Lord also instructed them to communicate everything they had learned per Matt 10:27.

“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered in your ear*, proclaim upon the housetops.” Matthew 10:27

POD: Preaching [communicating the Word of God with authority and conviction] is designed to change people’s minds.

Audience might be: _____ with a message of _____.

When dealing in personal evangelism it is important to _____ with God!

Audience might be: _____.

If your Bible teaching is contradictory to something you have learned then - -

1. The Bible teaching you received when you were younger was wrong; what you are receiving now is right.
2. The Bible teaching you are receiving when you were younger was right; what you are receiving now is wrong.

You need to determine in the privacy of your priesthood – in prayer – which is right.

Mark 6:13 And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

Luke 9:6-7 Departing, they *began* going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. ⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening and he was greatly **perplexed** . . .

This was occurring during the third missionary tour.

- The Lord sent out the disciples with a message and gave them His messianic authority to validate that message by healing the sick, cleansing lepers, and raising the dead.
- Once the disciples had departed, the Lord went out to teach and preach.
- The reports began to arrive in Herod’s palace.

- **Perplexed - διαπορέω – DIAPOREO** – “*To be disturbed or baffled*”

Herod was preoccupied with the reports he was receiving - *constantly disturbed*.

. . . **because** it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,

- **Because - διά – DIA** – “*because*” - what follows is the cause of Herod’s state of being disturbed.

Report #1 - it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,

- Herod gave the word to have John beheaded, so hearing reports like this really bothered Herod.

Report #2 and #3 -

Luke 9:8-9 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again. ⁹ Herod said, “I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?” And he kept trying to see Him.

- kept trying to see - **ζητέω plus εἶδον – ZETEO**

- Herod was zealous; bent on seeing whoever this was.
- Herod was baffled and perplexed over this report.

Mark 6:16 But when Herod heard he **kept saying** “John, whom I beheaded, has risen!”

- **kept saying** – λέγω – LEGO – “saying over and over again”

While the disciples and the Lord are out teaching, preaching, and working miracles - Herod is going nuts.

- At the conclusion of the missionary journey they linked up in Capernaum, the Lord’s headquarters.

Mark 6:30-32 The apostles gathered together with Jesus [*in Capernaum*]; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” . . .

POD: It is God’s will at certain times for all work to cease for the weary servant to rest.

. . . (For there were many *people* coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) ³² They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.

POD: God requires His weary servant to have privacy.

- ✚ Reason for rest and privacy is to recharge your batteries.
- ✚ Being in the ministry serving the Lord is very demanding - *spiritually*.
- ✚ It is very important for those who benefit from the ministry to allow the servant to have ample rest and privacy.
- ✚ Not only does rest and privacy restore your batteries, it allows you to reflect on what’s been taught and spend some time in prayer.



Luke 9:10-11 When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Taking them with Him. . .

Mark 6:31 “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.”

. . . He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them. . . .

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