

The Gospel of Luke



The 70 Evangelists

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Luke 9:51-52 – “When the days were approaching for His ascension (to lift up), He determined to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him...”

Luke 11:13 – “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

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Instructions... vs. 1-12

Based upon these verses, what was their mission?

- “proclaim” the Kingdom of God*
- Prepare the way for the King...*

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Differences from Luke 9:1-6

- 9 – only 12 sent out... in pairs (cf. Mark 6:7)
- 10 – 70 (or 72) sent out... in pairs
- 9 – sent to Jewish cities in Galilee (cf. Matt. 10:5)
- 10 – sent ahead of Jesus, traveling to Jerusalem
- 9 – Appear to be given lots less instruction.

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Duplication? Or... multiplication?

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“You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore, bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. Indeed, the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so, every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

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John the Baptizer – 3:16-17

“John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

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Purpose in these statements by Jesus?

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- *They were being sent on a dangerous assignment and would be opposed and rejected. (persecuted?)*
- *He was affirming that they were representing Him and were not alone.*

BE BOLD!

Luke 10:17-24 – The 70 Return

- What happened when the 70 returned?

Jesus responded to them? His tone?

- Affirming. They had made an impact on Satan.
- Encouraging. He knew that His time on earth was coming to an end.
- They would soon be entrusted with His Mission.

Luke 10:17-19 – The 70 Return

Kinds of authority Jesus gave to the Seventy?

- *Tread on serpents and scorpions and all powers of the enemy without harm.*
- *Demons would be subject to them.*

Do these also apply to our ministries today?

- *Not all are applicable today.*
- *They were not in evidence in the NT Church.*

Luke 10:20 – The 70 Return

Revelation 20:11-15

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it,”

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“...and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Rejoice NOT in this... but in that!

Luke 10:18-22 – The 70 Return

What were the results of the 70 being sent out?

- *Victories in the unseen realm of spiritual warfare.*
- *Satan was falling (like lightning).*
- *Demons were defeated.*

How does this fit with His purpose for the 70?

- *Jesus rejoiced that these simple laborers were able to see the work of God, first-hand.*
- *The 70 gained a clear picture of who the Father and the Son really are.*

Luke 10:23-24 – Just to His 12 disciples

Different from His response to the 70?

- *He was giving His 12 disciples insight into the “why” of what He was doing.*

Your conclusions about His purpose in this?

- *His time is short!*
- *He is working His plan to multiply disciple-makers.*
- *The 12 would be key to the success of that plan.*

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