

# THE GOOD DOCTOR

The Gospel of Luke

## WHO ARE YOU? Luke 9:18-27

- A. The Identity of Jesus (18-21)
- B. The Mission of Jesus (22)
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- C. The Expectations of Jesus (23-26)
  - 1. The Calling of a Cross Bearer (23)
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    - a. Choosing a Different Way Leads to Salvation - See Col. 3:1-4 (24)
    - b. Gaining the world at the expense of our soul is not a good investment (25)
    - c. Ignoring Jesus will lead to eternal separation from Him - See II Tim. 1:8-12 (26)
    - d. Fulfilling the mission was a non-negotiable for Jesus (27)

**Luke 9:18-27** Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”<sup>19</sup> And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.”<sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”<sup>21</sup> And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,<sup>22</sup> saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

<sup>23</sup> And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

<sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

<sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

**Colossians 3:1-4** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**2 Timothy 1:8-12** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,<sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,<sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,<sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,<sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 9:18-21. Why did Jesus care about what the crowds thought concerning his identity? (9:18) Though Jesus' question seems to indicate that the crowd's thoughts concerned him, he probably used this to prompt his disciples to consider the matter themselves. How would you respond if someone asked you the question, “Who do you think Jesus is?” Discuss. (Question adapted from the Truthquest Bible Study Notes)
2. Read Luke 9:23 and Colossians 3:1-4. This phrase “take up your cross” probably startled Jesus' listeners, for in that culture “taking up a cross” meant facing the horrible pain and humiliation of Roman crucifixion—a punishment usually reserved for condemned criminals. Jesus laid down his life voluntarily, and he asks us to do the same—to commit our lives wholeheartedly to him, accepting any hardship this choice may bring. Why is self-denial a prerequisite to being a believer in Jesus? What guidance does Paul give us in Colossians 3:1-4 about our focus as we take our cross daily? Explain. (Question adapted from the Truthquest Bible Study Notes)
3. Read Luke 2:22,27 and 2 Timothy 1:8-12. In these verses, Jesus declares the road ahead and his commitment to fulfilling the mission the Father had given Him - a journey that would eventually take him to the cross. Pray for an unwavering commitment and boldness to fulfill the mission God has called you to in your lives as cross bearers.