

Life of Jesus

Training the Twelve

Mark 8:13-9:8

Why did Jesus send the disciples out in pairs? Wouldn't it have covered more ground to send them out individually?

1. Jesus goes to Gentile areas

- After the Beelzebub Incident/Galilean Crisis
- The Syro-phoenician woman
- The deaf man's healing
- The blind man's healing in stages
- The disciples' dullness: "Can't you hear or see?" Mark 8:17-18 You are taking in the physical data, but you don't have spiritual understanding of what is going on in God's Kingdom.



2. "Who do men say that I am?" and Peter's Confession

Goes to Caesarea Philippi to the north.

This would have been nearing the time of Feast of Tabernacles.

Everyone had an opinion and had taken a stance on who Jesus was. Jesus' disciples had HEARD and SEEN. Where were they?

"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." –Peter

This understanding was a miracle of God! His ears and eyes had been opened by God!

From this point forward there were changes in Jesus' Training.

- First time he tells his disciples He is going to be crucified and rise again.
- Peter rebukes Jesus/Jesus rebukes Satan.
- Pre-conceived ideas of what it is going to be like. Conquering King, not Suffering Savior.
- Anyone who follows me must deny self, take up cross, and follow Me.

3. Transfiguration

One week later....

- Goes up onto the mountain with Peter, James, and John. He prays, they fall asleep.
- He is transfigured and Moses and Elijah are with him.
- Peter suggests making three Tabernacles. What does that say about their importance in the Kingdom?
- Cloud covers them: "THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN..."

"LISTEN TO HIM."

Memory verse:

Luke 9:35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

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