



Today's Message

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Text: Luke 9:1–9 (ESV)

¹ And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. ³ And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. ⁴ And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶ And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. ⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸ by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. ⁹ Herod said, “John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see him.

Introduction: In the ninth chapter of Luke, Jesus' Galilean ministry began to draw to a close. In a climactic act, Jesus sent out his disciples as an extension of his own ministry, charging them to proclaim his message of the impending Kingdom. He empowered them to confirm the message through miraculous deeds. He also gave them specific instructions for their mission. These instructions were unique for that context, but they suggest ministry principles that are timeless.

I. Jesus sent his apostles on a mission to “fish for men” (cf. Luke 5:10). 1-6

- A. They represented Jesus, heralding his message alone. 1-2
- B. They trusted Jesus, relying on his provision alone. 3
- C. They honored Jesus, displaying contentment found in him alone. 4
- D. They stood up for Jesus, insisting on faith in him alone. 5
- E. They obeyed Jesus, following his instructions alone. 6

II. The apostles’ ministry spread the message of Jesus widely, and most who heard rejected him. 7-9

- A. Many heard the message but failed to understand. 7-8
- B. Some (Herod) asked the right question, but never embraced the right answer. 9

Today’s take-home truth: Today we proclaim the message of Jesus that has come to us through the apostles; make sure you understand it and respond with repentant faith.