

Study 6: Luke 9:1-50

1. The importance of the miracle in 9:10-17 is seen in the fact that it is the only miracle, apart from Jesus' resurrection, to be recorded in all four gospels. What does it teach us about Jesus?
2. What new development do we see in vv.18-20? Why is this important? In what ways is Peter's description of Jesus radically different from everybody else's?
3. Now that he has been recognised as the Christ, Jesus goes on to teach his hearers what this implies. This is essential since many Jews had a host of unbiblical expectations of the 'Christ'. In v22, what does Jesus say will happen to him? What are the two main reasons why Jesus' disciples would have been surprised by this?
4. Jesus' favourite way of referring to himself is 'Son of Man' (e.g. 9:22, 26, 44), which is a title that comes from Daniel 7:9-14. What is given to the Son of Man in Daniel 7:13-14? From Daniel 7:9-10, when will he be given this? So what is Jesus speaking about in Luke 9:26?
5. In vv.23-26 Jesus tells his disciples how they should live and why. When must we 'lose' our lives if we are to save them? How does this fit in with what Jesus himself is doing (e.g. from v22)? What does it mean to take up your cross daily and follow Jesus?
6. In vv.28-36, what is said by the voice from the cloud? Why is it important that God should confirm who Jesus is (particularly in the light of what Jesus said in 9:22-27)?
7. Despite God's confirmation of him, Jesus still finds little sign of true faith, as we now see in vv.37-50. In vv.44-45, what do the disciples still not understand? Why do they need to understand this? What are the disciples arguing over in v46? What does this show that they do not understand?
8. What is the main thing you have learnt from this passage? How does this apply to your Christian life?