LUKE 9:18-27

WE PICK UP OUR STORY IN LUKE IN CHAPTER 9. JESUS HAS JUST FED THE 5,000 WITH A LITTLE BOY'S LUNCH(5 LOAVES AND 2 FISH). JESUS HAS SHOWN HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE CAN USE WHATEVER AND WHOMEVER HE WANTS TO COMPLETE HIS MISSION WHICH IS ULTIMATELY THE WILL OF THE FATHER...NOW OUR SOVERIEGN LORD WANTS TO GO DEEPER WITH THE DISCIPLES... IT'S TIME TO CLARIFY THE MISSION......HIS MISSION .. THE MISSION OF THE . YOU CHURCH, WILL BE ANSWERING A VERY SERIOUS AND SOBERING QUESTION TODAY....WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?

Luke 9:18-27 ESV

¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² 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."²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

I WILL BE TEACHING TODAY OUT OF MATTHEW'S VERSION OF THIS STORY. MARK'S GOSPEL ALSO DOCUMENTS THIS INCREDIBLE PIECE OF HISTORY AND I WILL BE REFERRING TO THAT AS WELL.

Matthew 16:13-14 ESV

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

CAESAREA PHILLIPI WAS A CITY ABOUT 25 MILES NORTH OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. THERE WAS A TEMPLE THERE HONORING THE ROMAN EMPEROR CAESAR AUGUSTUS LIKE A GOD. THIS MAY BE WHAT PROMPTED THE QUESTION " WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT THE SON OF MAN IS?"

ITS NOT SUPRISING THAT PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS A PROPHET. SIGNS AND WONDERS FOLLOWED HIM AND HE SPOKE THE ORACLES OF GOD. THIS QUESTION HOWEVER, IS JUST A SET UP FOR THE BIG QUESTION...THE QUESTION THAT NEEDS TO BE ANSWERED CORRECTLY

Matthew 16:15 ESV ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

IN THE DEEPEST PART OF YOUR HEART AND SOUL, WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Matthew 16:16 ESV ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

THE CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, THE ANOINTED ONE, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

NOT JUST A PROPHET, NOT JUST A TEACHER, NOT JUST A MIRACLE WORKER....BUT GOD IN THE FLESH OF MAN

Matthew 16:17 ESV

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

BLESSED/ APPROVED BY GOD ARE YOU SIMON, SON OF SOME GUY NAMED JONAH BECAUSE NO EARTHLY INFLUENCE, FROM MOMMY OR DADDY OR ANYONE ELSE BROUGHT YOU TO THAT REVELATION....ONLY GOD CAN REGENERATE A HEART THAT IS DEAD IN SIN... PETER'S CONFESSION OF FAITH, IS THE FIRST STONE SET IN PLACE

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 ESV

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Matthew 16:18 ESV ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

PETER / PETROS / INDIVIDUAL STONE ROCK / PETRA / BEDROCK / ROCK FORMATION / SOLID FOUNDATION

HE IS NOT POPE ST. PETER 1RST... IT IS THE TESTIMONY OF PETER, THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, AND THE TESTIMONY OF THE REST OF HIS DISCIPLES THEN AND NOW, THAT IS THE PETRA JESUS WILL BUILD HIS CHURCH

THIS IS THE FIRST PLACE CHURCH IS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE IT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST YET CHURCH / EKKLESIA / ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLE / NOT A BUILDING

Matthew 16:19-20 English Standard Version ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed^[a] in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

LOOSE / LYO / ALL DEFINITIONS HAVE TO DO WITH FREEDOM, BUT MY FAVORITE ONE IS "BROKEN TO PIECES" VS.20. TIMING IS EVERYTHING.....IT IS HIS TIMING, NOT OURS

Matthew 16:21 ESV

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

DON'T MISS THIS LITTLE WORD. "MUST" NOT WANT TOO, NOT LED TOO, BUT MUST!! SUFFER, BE KILLED, AND THEN ON THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED

JESUS LAYS OUT THE PLAN OF SALVATION..... THE PERFECT HUMAN, SACRIFICED FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD ONCE AND FOR ALL

Matthew 16:22-23 ESV ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord!^[a] This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance^[b] to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

PETE WENT FROM HERO TO ZERO JUST LIKE THAT!! HE HAD HIS MIND ON THE HERE AND NOW, NOT THE ETERNAL NO ONE DIES JESUS, YOU JUST HEAL US AND SAVE US HERE....BE KING HERE... NOW

THE PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING, WAS FOR THE SON OF MAN TO DIE.....BUT BECAUSE HE IS PERFECT, HE MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A HOLY AND BLAMELESS AND RIGHTEOUS

Isaiah 53:4-6 ESV
⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

GOD..... HE IS CROWNED WITH LIFE....THE FIRST BORN INTO THE NEW COVANENT WITH THE FATHER

SO THAT HE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED AND JUSTIFIER... OUR SIN FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS Mark 8:34 ESV

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

NOW HE TALKS SALVATION/SANCTIFICATION / WE WERE SAVED, WE ARE BEING SAVED, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SAVED UNTIL WE ARRIVE HOME

HERE IS YOUR COMMAND CHURCH...DENY YOURSELF, CRUCIFY YOUR FLESH DAILY, AND THAT IS HOW YOU FOLLOW OUR KING

HE PAID THE PRICE SO YOU AND I DON'T RECEIVE THE WRATH OF GOD WE DESERVE....INSTEAD WHEN WE ARE CRUCIFIED IN HIS DEATH, WE RECEIVE HIS ETERNALLY BLESSED LIFE...STARTING NOW.....IN TURN, EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE ADDED TO YOU HERE BY THE LORD HIMSELF, HE WILL ALSO TAKE AWAY...BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

Mark 8:35-36 ESV

³⁵ For whoever would save his life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

HERE IS THE WARNING / PROMISE. AGAIN JESUS SHOWS THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE NO KINGDOM ON EARTH. YOU HAVE TO DIE TO LIVE...LOSE YOUR LIFE TO FIND IT

THE LUST OF THE FLESH, THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE WILL BE PINING FOR YOUR ATTENTION CHURCH

Mark 8:37-38 ESV

³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

LISTEN TO THESE WORDS....IF YOU ARE ASHAMED OF ME, I WILL BE ASHAMED OF YOU WHEN I RETURN AND REIGN FOREVER

LISTEN TO THESE WORDS OF JESUS

John 8:31-36 ESV

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave^[a] to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

FREEDOM IS FOUND IN THE CROSS AND KING JESUS, THE CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, THE ANOINTED ONE, THE SON OF GOD

1 Peter 2:24

English Standard Version

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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