

Questions, Quotes and Notes

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Luke 9:37-45: What to do when you are not on the mountain top

Pre-Sermon:

1. Read Luke 9:37-45
2. Is there anything surprising to you about this story?

Sermon:

1. What is the sermon about?
2. What are the four essentials we need to know if we are going to follow Jesus?
3. What difference did we bring up between Christianity and other religions?
4. What were the disciples right and wrong about in this passage?
5. What time period are we living in right now and why is it important to understand that?
6. What do we learn from verses 24ff about what we need to do if we are going to follow Jesus right now?
7. How are we tempted to get the main practical lesson of the Transfiguration wrong?
8. What event in the Old Testament is Jesus' coming down the mountain like?
9. What are two illustrations from this story that faith in God's Word is what is even more essential for following Jesus than glorious experiences?

Notes:

Four things you must know if you are going to follow Jesus

1. **Who He is**
2. **How it is**
3. **What to do**
4. **How to do it**

Cross References/Quotes:

1. Exodus 32
2. "The norm was not what was happening on the Mount of Transfiguration, where Jesus' glory was apparent to all, where there is a momentary stopping of hostilities with the world forces of darkness and of demons and this time of worship in the very presence of Moses and Elijah, and more than that, in the very presence of the One who is the Son of God. No, the norm for our experiences is what Jesus met when He came down from the mountain. It's trouble. We live in a world of trouble."
3. Mark 9:14-29
4. Matthew 17:14-21

After Sermon:

1. What was the message basically about?
2. What is going on in this passage? Why is it here?
3. What are some excuses you are tempted to give for not denying yourself and picking up your cross?
4. If faith in what Jesus says is this important for living the Christian life, what can you do to strengthen your faith? How should you respond to the challenge of this passage?