

LUKE 9 vs 18

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18 And it happened, as He was alone praying, His disciples were with Him / those doing the math, were with Him, Peter and Andrew, his brother; James and John, his brother; Phillip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James, the son of Alpheus; and Simon the zealot; Jude, the younger brother of James; and Judas Iscariot. They were all with Him. No priest, or scribe, or Pharisee was present. They weren't in a synagogue; they weren't at the Temple. They weren't in Judea, Galilee, or Jerusalem. Most historians agree: they were beyond Caesarea-Philippi... far to the north. And the disciples were alone...

and Jesus asked them, saying, Who do the people say that I am? / And speaking freely because they were alone...

Luke tells us...

19 They answering / all the disciples spoke up...

one said, John the Baptist;

but some say, Elijah; / And like any good class of learners... the competition was on... giving the Teacher all the answers... and each disciple probably offered up what...

others say, one of the old prophets has risen again / and Jesus is watching them answer as they're freely speaking...

20 Then He said to them, but who do you say that I am? / suddenly, with the Teacher giving the bonus question, the class is quiet; no one wants to misspeak.

Finally, Peter speaks up...

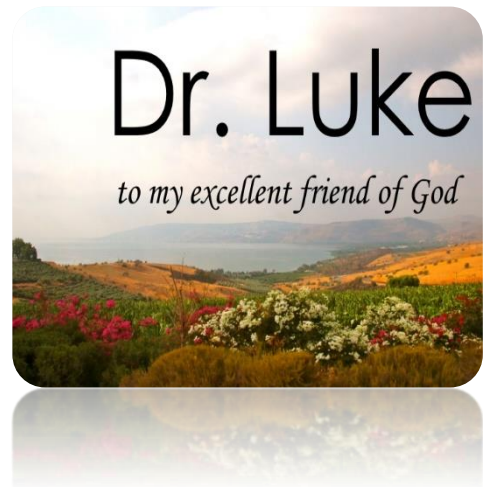
Peter answering said,

The Christ of God / the long-awaited Messiah sent from God; and with his answer:

21 Jesus warned them and charged them to tell no man / He gave them strict orders; to tell that to nobody.

Jesus knew there were enough in His day... running around telling everybody they were sent by God... who were going to overthrow Rome, and other such goofy plans. So, He gave strict orders to tell no one;

And then He adds...



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²² saying, **The Son of Man must suffer many things** / huh? What did He say?

and be rejected / be scrutinized, be questioned, interrogated, and disapproved...

by the elders and chief priests and scribes / by the Sanhedrin, the rulers of the day. What?!

and be slain / be killed,

and be raised the third day / what's all this? What's He saying?

²³ **And He said to all** / He is watching their shocked response,

If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross / let him refuse; renounce, reject; disown himself; those twelve men knew... when someone from their village **took up a cross**, and went off with a little band of soldiers... that one was not coming back; that one wasn't saying: Honey I'll see you around 5 o'clock.

Jesus said...

If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself,

and take up his cross daily / that cross is not something to be finished and got out of the way.

and follow Me / not get in front; **join Me**. Let him deny himself and take up his cross each day... every day; and join Me in the way.

²⁴ **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it:** / his **psuche**: his soul, **but whoever loses his life for My sake** / concerning My agenda, representing Me, **that same one will save it.**

²⁵ **For what does it profit a man** / what benefit has a man; how is a man better; to forfeit his life,

if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul or throws it all away?

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 / God has never promised to honor my words or your words; but He has promised to honor His Son's words.

And Jesus, watching His disciples / those doing the math; from Peter to Judas and the others Jesus adds...

²⁷ **But I tell you a truth, there are some standing here, who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God** / Jesus is talking about this present occasion; not all... Judas would be dead... he wouldn't even know what happened,