

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#31 – “The Question of the Ages” – Luke 9:18-22

#### I. Introduction

A. Difficult questions facing people in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.

1. Examples.

B. Yet, there is one supreme question standing head and shoulders above all others.

1. Who is J\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The disciples faced this question.

a. Note their on-the-job training thus far.

b. They still had to be wondering who is this g\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Herod had asked the question earlier – Luke 9:9.

C. Today’s Text.

1. A point blank question to the disciples.

a. Luke 9:18-22

2. The answer did not come from human reasoning.

#### II. Exposition

A. Luke 9:18-19

1. With the occurrence of the question, Luke skips over seven other important events. See Mark 6:45-8:26.

2. The Galilean ministry is now at an end.

3. Note that the question is precipitated with prayer.

4. The question – What is “the word on the street?”

5. Various answers and the reasons for them.

a. John the Baptist

b. Elijah

c. Prophet

B. Luke 9: 20

1. The narrowing of focus

2. Correct answer – The Christ of God

a. Title of honor

b. The anointed one.

1. Anointing for priests & prophets: Ex. 29:7; Isa. 61:1

2. Anointing for kings: I Sam. 16; I Kgs 1:39; II Kgs 9

3. There were indications in the Old Testament that a special anointed one would come. (See Gen. 3:15; Deut. 18:18; Micah 5:2; Isa. 9:7; II Sam 7:12-16; Ps. 89:4

4. However, the first century Jews expected an earthly kingdom. The disciples did, too. – Acts 1:6

5. Luke has slowly revealed Jesus’ identity. – Luke 1:22; 2:4; 1:32-33; 1:68ff; 2:11; 3:21-22; Acts 10:38.

6. “Of God” – His origins.

C. Luke 9:21-22

1. Imagine the disciples’ confusion.

2. “Rejected”

3. “Son of Man” – Daniel 7:13-14

#### III. Points for Reflection

A. Jesus described the precise opposite of their expectations.

B. Jesus is far more than a prophet.

C. Jesus is far more than a moral teacher.

D. Jesus described who He was and then what he must do.

E. Puzzlement or ambivalence over the identity of Jesus may still be among us.

F. The true answer to the question is only answered correctly through the agency of the Holy Spirit.