

Insights from Luke

#31: "The Question of the Ages"

Luke 9:18-22

Luke 9:9

“⁹ Herod said, ‘I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?’ And he kept trying to see Him.”

Luke 9:18-19

“¹⁸ And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, ‘Who do the people say that I am?’ ¹⁹ They answered and said, ‘John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again.’”

Malachi 4:5

“⁵ Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.”

Luke 1:17

“¹⁷ ‘It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, **TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN**, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’”

Luke 9:20

“²⁰ And He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ And Peter answered and said, ‘The Christ of God.’”

1. Jesus came for David’s royal house
– Luke 1:27.
2. He was born in Bethlehem
– Luke 2:4.
3. He would reign on David’s throne
– Luke 1:32-33.
4. He fulfilled the promise of salvation
– Luke 1:68ff; Luke 2:11.
5. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit
– Luke 3:21-22; Acts 10:38.

Luke 9:21-22

“²¹ But He warned them and instructed them not to tell this to anyone, 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 be raised up on the third day.’”

Daniel 7:13-14

“¹³ I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. ¹⁴ And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.”

Jesus described
the **precise opposite of**
their expectations.

Jesus is far more than a prophet.

Jesus is far more than a moral teacher.

Jesus described who
he **was** and then what
he must **do**.

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

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