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## Luke 10 Paraphrased



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### Introduction

† Jesus sends out His messengers as laborers into a ready harvest, showing the urgency of that generation.

† This chapter reveals judgment on Israel, mercy to the humble, and the shift away from the old system.

### Luke 10:1

After these things, the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them ahead of Him in pairs into every city and place where He Himself was going to come

† This shows a structured mission, not random preaching, tied directly to Christ's coming judgment (Matthew 10:23)

† The number reflects the nations, pointing to a wider message beyond Israel

### **Luke 10:2**

He said to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest

† The harvest is Israel ready for judgment and separation (Matthew 3:12)

† The urgency proves fulfillment was near, not thousands of years away

### **Luke 10:3**

Go, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves

† Persecution was expected within that generation (John 16:2)

† Israel had become hostile to truth, fulfilling prophecy

### **Luke 10:4**

Carry no money belt, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the way

† The urgency shows no delay, judgment was imminent

† Dependence on God replaces reliance on the old system

### **Luke 10:5**

Whatever house you enter, first say, Peace be to this house

† Peace was offered before judgment, showing mercy first

† This echoes covenant language toward Israel

### **Luke 10:6**

If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him, but if not, it will return to you

† Acceptance or rejection determined outcome

† This is separation within Israel, not global end times

### **Luke 10:7**

Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you, for the worker is worthy of his wages, do not move from house to house

† Stability in mission reflects seriousness of the message

† Laborers are sustained by those receiving truth

### **Luke 10:8**

Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you

† Fellowship replaces old dietary restrictions

† Acceptance signals alignment with Christ

### **Luke 10:9**

Heal the sick who are in it and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near to you

† The kingdom was near then, not future

† Signs confirmed the message to that generation

### **Luke 10:10**

But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say

† Rejection brings public testimony against them

† Judgment becomes unavoidable

### **Luke 10:11**

Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off against you, yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near

† The kingdom arrives whether accepted or rejected

† This is covenant accountability

### **Luke 10:12**

I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city

† First century cities faced greater judgment than Sodom

† This proves the "day" was their generation

### **Luke 10:13**

Woe to you Chorazin, woe to you Bethsaida, for if the miracles had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago

† Israel's cities were more guilty than pagan nations

† Greater light brought greater judgment

### **Luke 10:14**

But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you

† Judgment is comparative and covenant-based

† Israel failed despite privilege

### **Luke 10:15**

And you Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven, you will be brought down to Hades

† Exaltation refers to covenant status, not literal heaven

† Hades represents downfall and judgment

### **Luke 10:16**

The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me

† Apostolic authority equals Christ's authority

† Rejecting them sealed Israel's fate

### **Luke 10:17**

The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name

† Authority over demons confirmed kingdom presence

† This power validated their message

### **Luke 10:18**

He said to them, I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning

† Satan's fall represents loss of authority over Israel

† This ties to covenant transition, not a future event

### **Luke 10:19**

I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy

† Symbolic language for spiritual authority

† Nothing would stop the mission before fulfillment

### **Luke 10:20**

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven

† True joy is covenant inclusion

† Heaven here reflects God's record, not a location change

### **Luke 10:21**

At that time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit and said, I praise You Father, Lord of heaven and earth

† Revelation was given to the humble, not the elite

† This exposes Israel's leadership failure

### **Luke 10:22**

All things have been handed over to Me by My Father

† Christ holds full authority in this transition

† Knowledge of God now comes through Him

### **Luke 10:23**

Turning to the disciples, He said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see

† They witnessed fulfillment firsthand

† This confirms a first century fulfillment

### **Luke 10:24**

For I say to you, that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see, and did not see it

† The long-awaited fulfillment had arrived

† This was not delayed into the future

### **Luke 10:25**

A lawyer stood up to test Him, saying, Teacher, what shall I do

to inherit eternal life

† The question reflects law-based thinking

† Eternal life was tied to covenant understanding

### **Luke 10:26**

He said to him, What is written in the Law, how does it read to you

† Jesus points him back to the Law

† This exposes the heart behind the question

### **Luke 10:27**

He answered, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself

† The Law summarized correctly

† Yet impossible to fulfill perfectly

### **Luke 10:28**

He said to him, You have answered correctly, do this and you will live

† The Law demands perfection

† This reveals the need for grace

### **Luke 10:29**

But wishing to justify himself, he said, And who is my neighbor

† Self-justification exposes misunderstanding

† The question limits love artificially

### **Luke 10:30**

Jesus replied, A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among robbers

† The setting reflects danger and vulnerability

† This begins a parable exposing Israel's failure

### **Luke 10:31**

A priest happened to be going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side

† Religious leaders failed in compassion

† This indicts the old system

### **Luke 10:32**

Likewise a Levite also passed by

† Even those serving the temple failed

† The system lacked true love

### **Luke 10:33**

But a Samaritan felt compassion

† The outsider showed true righteousness

† This reverses expectations

### **Luke 10:34**

He came to him and bandaged his wounds

† Mercy defines true obedience

† Action proves love

### **Luke 10:35**

He took care of him and paid for his stay

† Sacrifice accompanies real compassion

† This reflects Christ's work

### **Luke 10:36**

Which of these proved to be a neighbor

† The definition is based on action, not identity

† Love is demonstrated, not claimed

### **Luke 10:37**

He said, The one who showed mercy, then Jesus said, Go and do the same

† Mercy fulfills the Law

† This points beyond the Law to Christ

### **Luke 10:38**

They entered a village and a woman named Martha welcomed Him

† Hospitality contrasts earlier rejection

† A new focus begins

## **Luke 10:39**

She had a sister called Mary who was listening to the Lord's word

† Sitting at His feet shows submission to truth

† This replaces temple-centered learning

## **Luke 10:40**

Martha was distracted with preparations

† Busyness can distract from truth

† This reflects the burden of the old system

## **Luke 10:41**

But the Lord answered, Martha, you are worried about many things

† Anxiety comes from misplaced priorities

† The old covenant brought heavy burdens

## **Luke 10:42**

Only one thing is necessary, Mary has chosen the better part

† Listening to Christ is the true priority

† This shows the shift from works to relationship

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of these very cities, confirming Christ's warnings were fulfilled

† Eusebius notes the early church understood these judgments as completed in AD 70

† Clement of Alexandria emphasized the transition from law to spiritual understanding in Christ

## **How it applies to us today**

† We don't wait for the kingdom, we're living in its reality now

† True faith is shown through mercy, not religious performance

† We must listen to Christ over traditions and distractions

## **Q&A Appendix**

**Q:** When was the harvest fulfilled

**A:** Matthew 13:39 shows the harvest was the end of the age, fulfilled in their generation

**Q:** What does Satan falling mean

**A:** Revelation 12:10 shows loss of authority tied to Christ's victory

**Q:** Was the kingdom future

**A:** Luke 10:9 says it had already come near

**Q:** Who is the neighbor

**A:** Luke 10:37 shows it's the one who shows mercy

**Q:** Why were cities judged

**A:** Matthew 23:36 confirms judgment fell on that generation

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