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Jesus Rejoices - 3

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In the Gospel According to Luke (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities sharing scripture, teaching, forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, and raising the dead. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly preach the Kingdom of God. Jesus is over half way through His 3 year ministry when He sends His select 12 common men to heal and preach. Jesus' impact became known to the common and to the royalty. God has provided a rare glimpse of the kingdom of God through Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain to a select three apostles. Jesus now sets his sights toward Jerusalem, makes it very clear the price followers will pay to follow Him and sends seventy out to heal, preach and warn. After returning and reporting to Jesus, Jesus rejoices.

“At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, “I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.” Turning to the disciples, He said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see, for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.” (Luke 10:21-24 NASB Mt 11:25)

Jesus rejoices. While scripture at times describes Jesus as a man of sorrow and filled with grief, this is the only time scripture records that Jesus rejoiced. Why did Jesus rejoice? Jesus told the seventy not to rejoice in the healing, casting out and preaching but rather to rejoice because their name were recorded or written in heaven! Jesus rejoicing was eternal and heavenly. Being about the Father's will, by the seventy, disciples brought joy to Christ.

Only the Son knows the Father and the Father knows the Son. Jesus is not saying that no-one knows that there is a God, Paul records in Romans 1 that all will know of the existence of God. His eternal power and His divine nature are clearly displayed in His creation. Rather no-one knows the intimate nature and character of the Father except the Son and no-one knows the intimate nature and character of the Son except the Father.

Jesus provides a benediction to His disciples. Luke records Jesus saying privately to His disciples, that they are blessed. Why are they blessed? Jesus said that they are blessed because they were eye witness to Him. The disciples had the privilege and honor to walk, talk, listen, learn and serve the Son of Man, Jesus the Messiah. Abraham, Moses, Elijah, David, Solomon and all the great prophets of old never witnessed the healings, the miracles, the casting out of demons and the preaching of Jesus. They would have likely given anything to witness the life of Jesus on earth. The disciples were truly blessed.

For Your Consideration:

- Jesus rejoices when you rejoice in Him.
- Are you growing in your understanding of God?
- Are you a disciple of Jesus? If so, you are blessed and there will be a time when you will see Jesus face to face.

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