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Hearing and Understanding

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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 preached 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 provided a rare glimpse of the kingdom of God through Jesus transfiguration on the mountain and now Luke records what happen the next day after this event. Jesus cast out demons and challenges all to have greater faith.

“And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His disciples, “Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.” (Luke 9:43b-45 NASB Mt 17:22, 23; Mk 9:30-32)

They all were amazed. Jesus continued to amaze people having the greatness of God. While followers were focused on what He was doing; the healing of people and the casting out of demons, what He said was much more profound and had eternal consequence and that message many times fell on deaf ears.

Jesus, again, tells of future events. In Luke, this is the second time that Jesus has revealed that He was going to die. Additionally, He shared the method of how He would be handed over; He would be delivered. In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark they also describe this proclamation involving His death and His resurrection. All three gospels reveal that they, the disciples, would not understand.

They could not understand. Matthew and Mark describe that they did not understand. Luke further explains that they could not understand. Luke describes that, *“it was concealed from them so they would not perceive it.”* This particular detail of the Son of Man's future was not yet to be publicly revealed. It was not time.

They were afraid to ask. All three Gospels reveal that there was a lack of understanding on the part of the disciples and that they were afraid to ask Jesus in order to better understand the statement that He had made to them.

For your Consideration:

- Do you at times get so focused on what God is doing or perceived not doing in your lives that you lose an eternal perspective?
- When was the last time that you pondered what Jesus did for you; His death, burial and resurrection? Paying a price that you could not pay?
- Does your lack of understanding drive you to not ask questions that you don't understand?

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