



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE

When Jesus' divine power meets
with human faith, all things are
possible for us.

Jesus has power and His power
can be effective *through* your life.

“The man from whom the demons had departed begged Jesus earnestly to be with him. But he sent him away and said, ‘Go back to your home, and tell all that God has done for you.’ And off he went, proclaiming throughout the town how much Jesus had done for him.”

(Luke 8:38-39; CSB)

Jesus saves us by His power and
SENDS us with His power.

Luke 9:1-2 (CSB)

1 Summoning the Twelve, [Jesus] gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. 2 Then he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

The Apostles' Commission

1. Proclaim the kingdom of God.
2. Heal the sick.
3. Roll back the devil's work in the world.

“Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong.”

(1 Corinthians 1:26-27; CSB)

“Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” (John 14:12-13; CSB)

“I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don’t go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment.” (John 16:7-8; CSB)

God uses Spirit-empowered *people*
to lead others to Jesus and to
change the world.

“Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

(Matthew 28:18-20; CSB)

Luke 9:3-5 (CSB)

3 “Take nothing for the road,” he told them, “no staff, no traveling bag, no bread, no money; and don’t take an extra shirt. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. 5 If they do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

Observation # 1:

Jesus sends us with His incredible power, but He also sends us in humility.

Observation # 2:

Jesus sends us with His power,
but we access that power through
a radical dependence on God.

“For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’s sake. For God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:5-7; CSB)

Observation # 3:

Jesus sends us with His power,
but He also sends us alert for
people, searching for partners.

Observation # 4:

Jesus sends us with His power,
but Jesus' disciples are not to
exploit the power and authority
that has been given to them.

Observation # 5:

Jesus sends us with His power,
but invites us not to fear failure or
take rejection personally.

“Whoever listens to you listens to me.
Whoever rejects you rejects me. And
whoever rejects me rejects the one who
sent me.” (Luke 10:16; CSB)

Luke 9:6 (CSB)

6 So they went out and traveled from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere.