

Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (cont.)
Luke 8:1–9:50

Memory Verse: *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me"* (Luke 9:23 ESV).

Background Helps

In this week's readings we continue to follow Jesus in his "Great Galilean Ministry." Notice the emphasis on his miracles and his training of the Twelve, often interwoven together. The Galilean ministry reaches a climax with Peter's confession in Luke 9:20 and God the Father's declaration in Luke 9:35.

Lesson Helps:

Two possible lesson plans:

- **Alternative #1:** Focus your lesson on the miracles of Christ in this section, demonstrating his authority over nature, demons, sickness, and death. Notice the oft-repeated question concerning Jesus: "Who is this?" (See Lk. 8:25; 9:9, 18, 20.) Bring your lesson to a climax by answering this question using Peter's confession (9:20) and God the Father's declaration (9:35). Notice that the Messiahship of Jesus would entail suffering and death, but also resurrection and ultimate glory (Lk. 9:21-22, 28-36, 43-45). Close the session in prayer inviting each student to make public confession of their faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.
- **Alternative #2:** Focus your class on Jesus' training the Twelve. Notice the lessons he was teaching them through the various miracles, direct instruction, opportunity for ministry (Lk. 9:1-6), etc. What did he reveal about himself to them? What does being a disciple of Christ entail? Bring your lesson to a climax with Jesus' response to Peter's confession, especially Luke 9:23-26. Discuss what this kind of discipleship means in very practical terms today and how your students can practice it this week. Use the memory verse.

Question: What fresh methods did you use in class last week? What different methods will you use this coming week?

Home Assignment:



Read Luke 9:51–11:36



Memorize Lk 11:9