



THE GOSPEL OF  
**LUKE**

JOURNEY TO  
JERUSALEM



# FEAR NOT, FEAR GOD

— Luke 12:1-12 —





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— vs 1





Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

— 1 Corinthians 5:6-8





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Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

— vv 2-3







And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked  
and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

— Hebrews 4:13





“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

— vv 4-5





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— vv 6-7





“Fear God, but in that fear of God, don’t think that under the gaze of God you are reduced to insignificance. Even though God knows everything about you as a believer, He places a value upon you as His child that is incalculable. On the one hand, we should fear Him. On the other hand, we should not fear because He has redeemed us in His sight.”

— R.C. Sproul





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And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

— vv 8-9



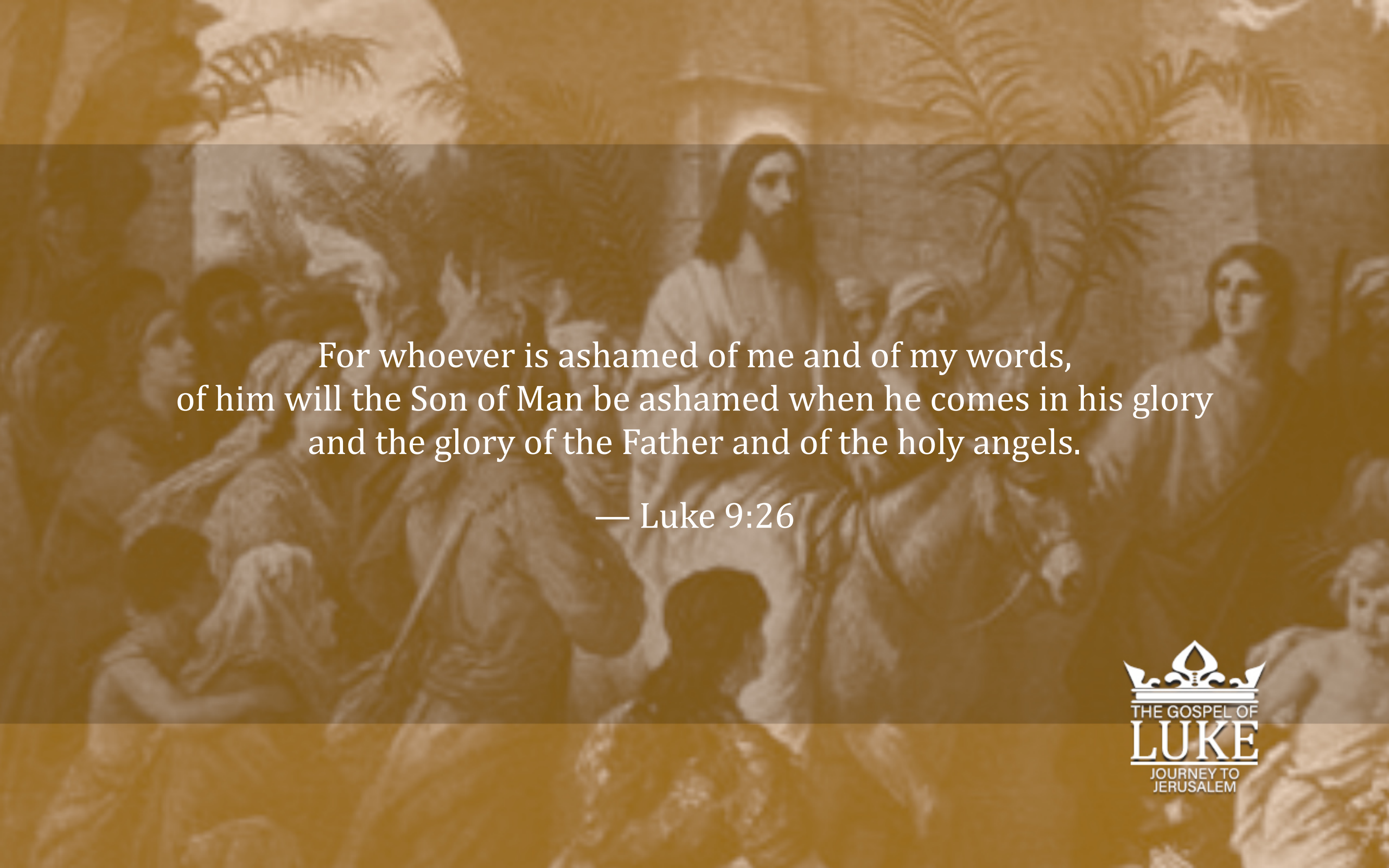


“The difficulty of confessing Christ is undoubtedly very great. It never was easy at any period. It never will be easy as long as the world stands. It is sure to entail on us laughter, ridicule, contempt, mockery, enmity, and persecution...The world which hated Christ will always hate true Christians. But whether we like it or not, whether it be hard or easy, our course is perfectly clear. In one way or another Christ must be confessed.”

— J.C. Ryle







For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words,  
of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory  
and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

— Luke 9:26





And everyone who speaks a word against the  
Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes  
against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

— vs 10





“The sin consists in the conscious, malicious, and willful rejection and slandering, against evidence and conviction, of the testimony of the Holy Spirit respecting the grace of God in Christ, attributing it out of hatred and enmity to the prince of darkness...In committing that sin man willfully, maliciously, and intentionally attributes what is clearly recognized as the work of God to the influence and operation of Satan.”

— Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology





And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

— vv 11-12





Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

— Acts 4:8-12





Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

— Acts 4:13





Will you acknowledge Christ before men?







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