

Sunday Morning, November 8, 2020

Why Trials?
Luke 9:10–17

I. The Event of the Miracle

- A. The Time Jn. 6:4; Lk. 9:7–9
- B. Their Need Mk. 6:30–32; Matt. 9:35; Lk. 9:11; Matt. 14:14; Lk. 9:12–14
- C. Their Provision Lk. 9:16–17

II. The Messiah of the Miracle

- A. Jesus Christ Is Greater than Moses Ps. 78:29; 1 Cor. 10:3; Jn. 6:35, 36, 54–56
- B. Jesus Christ Is God the Good Shepherd Ezek. 34:11–14, 16; Ps. 23:1, 5

III. The Message of the Miracle

- A. Jesus Sovereignly Uses Trials, Brings Us into Times of Testing, to Teach Us to Rely Not on Ourselves, but on Christ 9:13; Jn. 6:6
- B. Jesus Sovereignly Uses Trials, Brings Us into Times of Testing, to Teach Us to Obey in Faith Before We See the Evidence
- C. Jesus Sovereignly Uses Trials, Brings Us into Times of Testing, to Teach Us to Apply to New Situations What We Have Already Learned

Quotes

“Only in the mystery of suffering will you stop trying to fit Me into your understanding of life. . . Suffering without explanation creates the opportunity for faith in Me, the kind of faith that sees My heart. Suffering with explanation allows you to maintain the false hope of control.”
–Larry Crabb

“The Good Shepherd is not drowning His sheep when He washes them nor killing them when He shears them. Rather His washings are needed cleansings; His shearings are needed strippings; His corrections are essential lessons.”
–Richard Baxter

"It's a fact. Broken necks, broken homes, and broken hearts crush our hopes that earthly things can satisfy. Only then does the promise of Heaven move our eyes from this world as we realize, once and for all, that earth can never meet our deepest longings."
–Joni Eareckson Tada

“If God sends us on stony paths, He will provide us with strong shoes.”
–Alexander Maclaren