

29 – Luke 1:1-24 – Harvest time

When you think of people coming to know Jesus ... do you reckon it is “harvest time”?

Luke 1:1-4, *“Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eye witnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”*

Harvest time

Luke 10:2, **“the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”**

... pray for more workers to help.

... like being a lamb among wolves

... they will need to trust Jesus as they go.

Their Message

“The kingdom of God has come to you”

... the Messiah is here and he is Jesus.

Some will welcome their message

Some will not welcome their message

Miracles and following Jesus?

... miracles do not convince people to follow Jesus.

- v 13-15

Their return

... the disciples filled with great joy...

... Jesus is described as being thrilled to bits.

Gospel ministry is about eternal life

Longed to see

... this is central to all that God is doing.

For us today

1) Not referring to us

Luke 24:47-48 a slightly different commission is given to the disciples **AFTER** Jesus has risen from the dead.

2) Ongoing harvest

... the harvest, that is telling people about Jesus, is ongoing.

How serious do you think this harvest is that Jesus is referring to?

3) Keep away from snake and scorpions

... the promise of safety that Jesus gave the disciples in Luke 10 does not apply to us this side of the resurrection.

4) Be focussed on present Jesus

... we must be focussed on presenting the gospel of Jesus.