

# The DAILY JESUS NEWS #174

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## Jesus Joyfully Prays, and Testifies

Luke 10.21-23

21 At that time Jesus was filled with joy through the Holy Spirit, and prayed,

*"I agree with you in praise, Father... Lord of heaven and earth... because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was pleasing in your sight.*

*22 "All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son, and those to whom the Son is choosing to reveal him."*

23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately,

*"Blessed are the eyes that are seeing what you are seeing. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted badly to see what you are seeing, but did not see it, and to hear what you are hearing, but did not hear it."*

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NOTE: We use superscript identification of the source gospel in "blended texts" as follows: Matthew = <sup>MT</sup>, Mark = <sup>M</sup>, Luke = <sup>L</sup>, John = <sup>J</sup>, Acts = <sup>A</sup>. This "superscript ID" is inserted at the beginning of the quoted text, identifying that Bible book until a different superscript appears. In addition, *red italics identify the words of Jesus*. Old Testament quotations are CAPITALIZED.

CONTEXT DIGEST	
Location	On the Road, Somewhere in Judea
Timeline	September (Month 31)
Jesus' Life Context	Stage VI: Jesus' Later Judean Ministry
	C. Jesus Trains And Sends Out the 70 For Ministry
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### COMMENT:

Jesus ended his debriefing of the 70 after their mission trip with a spontaneous outburst of praise and thanksgiving. He lived in the constant, conscious fellowship with his Father that we call "prayer." Therefore, Jesus was prone to speak out his prayer and praise at any time, for it was always going on in his heart and mind.

Luke was careful to attribute Jesus' joyful praise to the Spirit...a stellar example of Jesus "praying in the Holy Spirit." Thus we see Jesus' prayer as the spoken, audible content of the invisible, spiritual fellowship of the Trinity-- Father, Son, and Spirit communing together as they experienced life as "One-in-Three."

Jesus spoke to the Father through the fellowship of the Spirit. He gave human expression to what was going on within the Trinity, by "agreeing with" his Father in praise. He used the word that is usually translated "confess" or "agree with" in the English New Testament

These verses contain deep insight into the relationship between the Father and Son, and merit our sustained meditation. It is one of the wonderful examples of the way Jesus prayed and worshipped spontaneously in the gospels.

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The passage also contains one of Jesus' "**blessed are...**" statements, that applies to all of us through the content of the gospels in the same way it applied to those to whom Jesus first said it. This is an amazing truth that should fill us with the same joy that Jesus experienced when he spoke it.

Furthermore, we again see Jesus repeating the same words to the 70 that he had earlier spoken to the twelve, on the day he introduced parables on his second tour of Galilee (MT 13.16-17; [DJN #092](#)). This reinforces the truth that all believers share in the same spiritual blessings and fulness in Christ. The apostles were unique in the content of their witness about Jesus' earthly ministry, but not in their spiritual position.

We should also note that the ministry of the 70 was begun, sustained, and ended in prayer. Jesus commanded the 70 to pray for more workers, even as they worked. He prayed constantly for them as they went out to serve him. Then, upon their return, Jesus offered a joyful prayer of thanksgiving and praise. Jesus was a man of prayer, who taught his disciples to be people of prayer, ministering by the power of the Spirit in answer to prayer...just like him.

### APPLICATION:

Joy finds its most appropriate expression in prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Jesus is our example in this. He lived in the presence of his Father, through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and co-processed everything he experienced with Them in an unending conversation in his heart. His joy could only lead to more prayer and praise.

*How do you make a practice of living in the presence of the Trinity through unceasing prayer?*

*What can you do today to deepen and strengthen your unending praise and thanksgiving ministry to God?*