

## Lesson 14: Further Activities in Jerusalem and Judea

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Luke 10:21, “and did reveal them unto *babes*: yea, Father; for so it was **well-pleasing** in thy sight.”

- God’s “good pleasure” [*eudokia* “delight, pleasure, satisfaction: ... of the thing that pleases, 2 Thess 1:11” (Thayer)]; is the basis for all essential elements of His eternal plan for human redemption (see Romans 9:14-16; Ephesians 1:5, 9; Philippians 2:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; 2 Peter 1:17).

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- John the Baptist said, “The Father loves the Son and has given **all** things into His hand” (John 3:35).
- Jesus said, “You have given Him authority over **all** flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him” (John 17:2 NKJV).

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- Jesus, “knowing that the Father had given **all** things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,” washed His disciples’ feet (John 13:3).
- Note Jesus’ declaration, “**All** authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18).
- Paul added that God has “put **all** things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church” (Ephesians 1:22).
- Jesus came to declare the nature and will of God, the Father (John 1:14-18). He possesses all knowledge and authority to reveal all information concerning God which the Father wished for man to know. cf. Matthew 11:27

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- The blessing is expanded from the twelve (Matthew 13:16-17) to the seventy and to all believers.
- NOTE WHAT THEY SAW: the power of Jesus and His gospel (verses 17-20).
- “Seeing” involves understanding. Matthew 13:14-16
- 1 Peter 1:10-12, “Concerning which salvation the **prophets** sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that (should come) unto you: searching what (time) or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them. To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven; which things **angels desire to look into.**”

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- “**Prophets**”
  - Isaiah – John 12:39-41
  - Righteous men of old – Matthew 13:16-17
  - Abraham – John 8:56
  - All Old Testament “worthies” – Hebrews 11:13, 39-40
- “**Kings**”
  - Isaiah had made this statement before in general terms. Isaiah 2:3; 11:10; 49:22; 54:3
  - Isaiah becomes specific. Isaiah 49:7; 49:23; 52:15; 60:3
  - David, Hezekiah, and Josiah; see Psalms 22; Psalms 110:1; Acts 2:29-31)