

“PREPARE THE WAY” Travel Agency.

A monologue based on Luke 9:1-6

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Welcome to the “PREPARE THE WAY” Travel Agency.  
Please have a seat.

I hear you will be in pairs, correct?

(Point as you “identify” the individuals.)

That will be:

Simon Peter and John,

Matthew and Philip,

James and Thomas, - Thomas would you prefer to be called Didymus? Ok.

I also have on my list:

Andrew and Simon the Zealot,

Bartholomew and Judas Iscariot

and Thaddaeus and James.

Very well, I will arrange you to travel in these different regions:

(hold up small map)

Capernaum, Magdala, Tiberias, Nain, Khersa, Gadara, Cana Jordan, Hazor and, of course, Bethsaida.

I have marked out several routes for you so you can avoid encountering Gentiles or Samaritans on your travels.

I have also marked out a few scenic detours in case you want to do some sightseeing.

Now, let's talk about Donkey rental:

I have reserved 6 donkeys to carry all your food, water, luggage, and medical supplies, as I hear that you will be doing some healing of the sick.

Now, remember that to rent a donkey you must be at least 25 years old and have a valid rider's license. Thomas are you over 25?

I have a word of caution for returning your donkeys: Make sure they are filled to the brim with high protein grain, otherwise the rental company will charge you 3 times the price to fill them up.

Now, for your Lodging options:

I usually do 4-star rentals, otherwise you just don't know what you'll be getting.

I will need to know if you be rooming together and if you would you prefer 2 queens or one king bed.

Other options are: a suite, so you can have a kitchenette; a condo; or an Airbnb.

I will make sure that all of your accommodations have a pool because it can get quite hot out there.

Some more expensive options would be beach front or mountain view properties.

Of course, I will make sure you have a complimentary breakfast at each of your travel locations.

And for site seeing:

I can get you passes to museums, gardens..... What???? You will only be going to Synagogues, hospitals, ghettos, and leper colonies?!?!?!?

Well, in that case, I strongly recommend travel insurance. If you were to get sick or injured, it will cover your expenses.

I must inform you that some of the routes to these areas are known to have bands of robbers who will take all your cash.

Now for your dining accommodations:

I hope you like Italian as the Romans have taken over most of the restaurants in the region.

I do have the OPEN TABLE app, so I can reserve all of your lunches and dinners.

The good news is that they are open on the Sabbath and have Kosher options.

But, should you get invited to someone's home to share a meal, a 24 hour notice for cancellation is required.

You can see that I have everything under control. Will there be anything else?

WHAT!!! You won't be needing my services? Why?

(To audience)

Do you know the excuses those disciples gave me?

(count off on your fingers/hand)

- 1) They were leaving quickly and didn't need possessions to weigh them down.
- 2) They wanted to get to know the people they encountered by staying with them in their home and eating all of their meals with them.
- 3) They were going to be healing the sick the same way Jesus did, so no medical equipment would be required.
- 4) They would not need to hire my travel agency because God would provide everything they need, as they need it.
- 5) And, they would not be sightseeing because they would be focused on spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

(sigh)

Personally, I think must be a test. Jesus wants them to trust Him to prepare the way for them.

Hmmm.....I thought that was my job!