**Luke 8**

Sunday Bible Class 2025

**Woman Accompanying Jesus + Luke 8:1-3**

Why is it surprising that women were following Jesus? Why do you think that Luke highlights the women who were associated with Jesus?

Some people say that the Bible is sexist and the human (male) authors are misogynistic. How do we respond to these claims? What does Luke’s emphasis on the women accompanying Jesus teach us about the Bible’s view of women?

**The Parable of the Sower + Luke 8:4-15**

Sometimes, Jesus’ parables can be difficult to understand. Thankfully, Jesus provides the meaning of this parable. Identify these things and their meaning from the Parable of the Sower:

The Sower:

The Seed:

Seeds sown on the Path:

Seeds sown on the Rock:

Seeds that fell among Thorns:

Seeds that fell into Good Soil:

There’s always an unusual detail(s) in Jesus’ parables. What’s so unusual about the Sower?

What’s the main difference between the first of the four “soils” and the other three? In other words, what’s lacking in the first “soil” that’s present in the other three?

Some Christians falsely teach a doctrine of “once saved, always saved.” They believe that we can’t fall away from the faith after becoming Christian. How does this false doctrine conflict with Jesus’ words in the Parable of the Sower?

What are some potential dangers that can cause us to lose our faith in Christ?

What is the “fruit” that Jesus mentions in verse 15? (See James 2:14-26)

What kind of “soil” (hearer) are you? What kind of “soil” would you like to be? These are the main application questions of Jesus’ parable. It’s something for us to think about, reflect on, and then make the necessary changes in our lives.

**A Lamp Under a Jar + Luke 8:16-18**

The illustration in verse 16 is easy to understand. But what’s Jesus’ point? What’s the ‘lamp’ and who ‘puts it on a stand?’ What do these words have to do with the mission of Christ and (by extension) His Church?

Dr. Just suggests that there are 2 main points to verse 17. What are these 2 points? *(The first has to do with the mission of the Church, the second has to do with Judgment Day.)*

Is Jesus speaking about riches and wealth in verse 18? If not, what *is* Jesus talking abut here? How do these words apply to us?

**Jesus’ Mother and Brothers + Luke 8:19-21**

Why do you think that Jesus’ mother and brothers wanted to see Him? Is Jesus rejecting His family or is He doing something else? If something else, then what?

How do Jesus’ words in this section relate to the previous two sections of Luke 8?

Simply hearing the Word of God isn’t enough. Why not? Why must we also do what it says?

**Jesus Calms a Storm + Luke 8:22-25**

Jesus fell asleep in the boat (which suggests that He was tired) and He calmed the storm. What do these two details reveal about Jesus’ identity?

Why does this passage of Scripture end with an unanswered question? How do we answer it?

Any Christian can answer the question about Jesus’ identity, but it’s difficult to trust Jesus when life is hard and we’re facing circumstances outside of our control. We’re invited to consider whether we trust Jesus or lack faith like the disciples. Consider a time in your life when you were afraid – did you ask Jesus for help, trusting that He’d take care of you, or did you do something else? Feel free to share (you don’t have to!) and discuss.

**Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon + Luke 8:26-39**

What did the demons know about Jesus that most people didn’t know? What were the demons so afraid of when they saw Jesus? (See Luke 4:41)

What’s the significance of the demons being cast into a herd of pigs? Why did the townspeople want Jesus to leave?

The once demon-possessed man was completely changed by Jesus! He was once…

*1. Filled with unholy spirits (demons)*

*2. Naked and living among the tombs (i.e., the dead)*

*3. Bound with chains and shackles*

*4. Driven by the demons into the desert*

 Now, the man is…

*1.*

*2.*

*3.*

*4.*

 In other words, the man is now a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus!

What does this story foreshadow in Acts? *(Hint: the demon-possessed man is most likely a Gentile)*

In verse 39, Jesus tells the man to “declare how much *God* [had done] for [him].” After this, the man “[proclaims]… how much *Jesus* had done for him.” What does the use of both “God” and “Jesus” imply?

**Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus’ Daughter + Luke 8:40-55**

After the woman touched Jesus, He asks “Who was it that touched me?” (verse 45) Do you think Jesus already knew the answer to that question? If so, then why did He ask it?

In both circumstances (the woman and Jairus’ daughter) Jesus says that faith ‘makes them well’ (verses 48 and 50). Is Jesus referring to their physical healing or something else? How can we tell?

Why does Jesus refer to death as ‘sleeping?’ How is this good news comforting for us? What does Jesus’ mastery over death imply about His ability to take care of our problems?