

FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 8* 2-24/25-2025

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OPENING PRAYER

LUKE – Chapter 8 continues with Jesus' establishing His authority! – Many Women Minister to Jesus – (vs. 1-3); The Parable of the Sower – (vs. 4-8); The Purpose of Parables – (vs. 9-10); The Parable of the Sower Explained – (vs. 11-15). The Parable of the Revealed Light – (vs. 16-18); Jesus' Mother and Brothers Come to Him – (vs. 19-21); Wind and Waves Obey Jesus – (vs. 22-25); A Demon-Possessed Man Healed – (vs. 26-39); A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed – (vs. 40-56).

Women Accompanying Jesus

Luk 8:1 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,

- **In the last part of the seventh chapter, Jesus was eating** with the Pharisee whose name was Simon.
- **He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings.** The message of Jesus was the good news of the coming kingdom of God. Looking at the kingdom of man, the governments of man, we see man has proved himself incapable of governing over his fellowmen, making us longing for the kingdom of God. Jesus was healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead and thus showing them the things of the kingdom of God. The restoration of man to God's divine and original intent before sin marred the plan and the purposes of God.
- **Notice that Jesus is not going into the synagogues.** In the earlier scriptures we were reading how He would go into the synagogues and would teach. But the synagogues are no longer open to Him. He is in real combat with the religious leaders, beginning His third year of His earthly ministry.

Luk 8:2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,

- **Mary from Magdala, midway between Tiberias and Capernaum,** a woman whose life no doubt was totally miserable because of the power and the control of these demons over her. Jesus set her free and as the result, she committed herself fully, completely to Jesus. It is as though I owe my very life to You. **This is really true for each of us.** We were lost and undone in sin and without the salvation brought to us by Jesus Christ, we would all be lost! We owe our lives to Him!
- **But Mary's was such a dramatic deliverance** that she just wanted to fully commit her life to Him. She stood by the cross when He was crucified. She was one of the first to the tomb; the first to see the risen Lord. The first who was commissioned by the Lord to go and tell the story of the resurrection!

Luk 8:3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

- **There was also Joanna, the wife of Chuza, who was Herod's steward,** the man in charge of Herod's financial affairs. He had an extremely important position in Herod's court. Look at the contrasting people that Jesus brings together. A woman whose husband is in Herod's court along with Mary from Magdala whose life was just a total miserable mess before she met Jesus. Yet Jesus brings such opposites together.
- **These women that were with Jesus ministered to Him of their substance.** It was a common and honorable thing to help support a Rabbi. There were many who had accompanied Jesus during His earthly ministry. They were very devoted and committed to Him. Here we have three of the women named for us. They had received a new lease on life from Him because of His healing, either of themselves or of a close relative.

The Parable of the Sower (Think a parable of "the soils", or a parable of "the hearts")

Luk 8:4 And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

- **Here we have the four types of soil or the types of the hearts of individuals,** on which the word of God falls or descends as seed that is sown.

Luk 8:5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

- **The wayside,** the hardened ground of the pathway, trodden down by people. As the seed lies on the pathway, people come and walk over it; and the birds come, eating the seed. It never penetrates, just like people, whose hearts are hardened against the word of God.

Luk 8:6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

- **Some fell there in that stony ground in these little potholes** where the soil was very thin. But they can never come to maturity, they can never grow to the place of seeding because of the shallowness of the earth and the lack of moisture as soon as it turns warm.

Luk 8:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

- **Then there is that which fell among the weeds, among the thorns.** The weeds grew up with it and choked it out and it never came to the place of actually bearing fruit!

Luk 8:8 But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

- **Then there was that good soil, fertile and free of weeds, which brought forth a hundredfold!** We praise the Lord for those that have received the word of God and are bringing forth fruit!

- ***He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*** (also, *Luk 14:35*) This is a common cry of Jesus when He would make a very important statement! It was throughout the messages to the seven churches in the book of Revelation, as Jesus is addressing the churches.

The Purpose of the Parables

Luk 8:9-10 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" [10] And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.'

- **He begins to explain the parable, there has come confusion** as though Jesus is deliberately trying to hide the truth from people. But that is the very opposite purpose of a parable, which is to illustrate a truth allowing you to see the truth by illustration. A parable (*parabolē*) uses an easily understood illustration, laying alongside a truth, often spiritual to give it clarification and identification.
- **Many times, when Jesus used parables, the Pharisees** could see that it was applicable to their situation. Parables are not intended to hide the truth but to illustrate the truth so that a person will hear. He may not understand fully but his attention is drawn so that he will continue to listen.
- **To the disciples Jesus said, I can just talk to you straight.** You understand the things of the kingdom. I can share with you. But to those that are without, I use the parables in order to keep them listening so that they can get the truth and hear the truth.
- **The Lord does not deliberately hide His truth from people.** That is not His purpose. His purpose is that the truth be known.
- **(Mat 13b:10-11b) Why do You speak to them in parables?" [11b] Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.**

Luk 8:11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

- **There is in the law of biblical interpretation called expositional constancy,** meaning that when a symbol or object is used to represent something else, every time that symbol or object is used in symbolic form, it always represents the same thing. For example, if you are using the birds to represent something that is evil, as in this parable, then in parables where you have birds mentioned in an allegorical form, the birds are always bad. You do not find the birds being good in some of the stories and bad in others. There is that expositional constancy.
- **If in this parable the seed is the word of God, wherever in a parable the seed is spoken of, it will always be a reference to the word of God.**

Luk 8:12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

- **Here the seed is the word of God!** It is planted in the various soils, and that which fell by the wayside, hardened heart. Satan comes and plucks the word before it even has a chance to penetrate.

Luk 8:13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

- **They spring up quickly.** In time of trial, because they have no root *they fall away!* There was apparent life, but it was stunted and died quickly. Were they saved? I do not know, but no fruit!

Luk 8:14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

- **Those who remain in a stunted spiritual state, those who never develop** beyond infancy, those who after years in the church are still babes in Christ, those who have been around long enough that they ought to be able to teach the word of God, but they still need to be taught. Those are spoken of, in the book of Hebrews who have never developed, matured in their spiritual walk. But because of the cares of this life, their desire for riches, and their pursuit of pleasure, they have never developed to the point of bearing fruit.

Luk 8:15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

- **The keeping of the word of God is being emphasized here.** Those that hear it and keep it. (*Jas 1:22*) *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*
- **Thus, it is important that we examine ourselves at this point and ask ourselves.** Only you can answer that question because we do not know ourselves but allow the Holy Spirit to show you what truth is.
- **What kind of soil is my heart! Is it good soil? Am I hearing and keeping, am I bringing forth fruit? Is the fruit of the Spirit evidenced and manifested in my life? Am I loving,**

filled with joy and peace? Am I patient and long suffering? Am I gentle? Good, kind, faithful? Do these characteristics mark my life? Am I keeping the commandment of the Lord to love one another?

A Lamp Under a Vessel or Under a Bed

Luk 8:16 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.

- **There is one purpose of a candle and that is to give light!** You do not cover it. You do not hide it. You are the light of the world! The purpose is to give light to those that come into the house. Thus, the light is not to be covered, which is inconsistent.

Luk 8:17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

- **All truth will be made clear in the judgment.** God's ultimate purpose is not to hide the truth, but to make it known.

Luk 8:18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.

- **Take heed! Jesus cried out, He who has ears to hear, let him hear.** Now he is saying, be careful *how you hear*. Your response to the light in this life is crucial, because at the throne of judgment there will be no opportunity to embrace truth that was formerly turned down. Those who scorn the light of the gospel now, will have all light removed from them in eternity.

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

Luk 8:19-20 Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. [20] And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You."

- **From the other gospels we know that Mary came down with Jesus' brothers to rescue Him** from these demands of the crowd. We are told in Matthew's gospel that Jesus did not even have time to eat or sleep! Theirs was a mission of mercy, it was a mission of love. Mary was seeing her Son being overtaxed and she was worried about Him. She is coming to attempt to rescue Him with His brothers.

Luk 8:21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

- **It is important that we are hearing the word, but what is more important is that we go out and do it!** Put it into practice! If we do not, it does not have value. Take heed how you hear that we hear with an open, honest heart ready to put into practice the things that the Spirit teaches us out of the word. He said, those are the real family. My family are those who hear the word and do it! **Am I truly family?**

Jesus Calms a Storm

Luk 8:22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.

Luk 8:23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

- **He fell asleep.** Just before the disciples saw one of the most awesome displays of Jesus' deity, they were given a touching picture of His humanity. He was so weary that not even the violent tossing of the boat awakened Him—even though the disciples feared they would drown.
- **A windstorm came down, which is quite common on the sea of Galilee, which is** six hundred feet below sea level, surrounded by mountains with canyons. When you get weather changes, the wind will come howling down on the sea of Galilee, turning a calm sea into a raging sea, in just minutes.

Luk 8:24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

- **Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.** Jesus, being awakened by his disciples, raises His head from his pillow, stands up, and with a majestic voice, in an authoritative manner, showing some kind of resentment at the wind and sea, as if they had exceeded their boundaries; the one had blown, and the other raged too much and too long! He rebukes them in such language as (Mar 4:39) *Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!"* Do not continue to threaten with shipwreck and loss of lives! Immediately the wind ceased and the sea became calm!

Luk 8:25 But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

- **Where is your faith?** Jesus knew that the storm was coming, however, He went to sleep in the ship. This fact should have encouraged the disciples not to be afraid. So, what was their problem? It was the same problem God's people face today! We know the Word of God, but we do not believe it when we face the tests of life! It is one thing to learn the truth and quite something else to live it!
- **Where is your faith?" Where is my faith is still the key question! Am I trusting in God's promises, or am I trusting too much, myself or my circumstances?**
- **And they were afraid, and marveled:** Jesus' total calming of winds and the sea should have filled them with peace, but instead, they were just as afraid when He calmed the storm as when they were in the midst of the storm.
- **"Who can this be?** The disciples were simply amazed! What a powerful display over creation! It could only be the LORD, who only has this power and authority: (Psa 89:9) *You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.* In the matter of a few moments, the disciples saw both the complete humanity of Jesus, in His sleeping during the storm, and the fullness of His deity! They saw Jesus for who He is; truly man and truly God!

Jesus Heals a Man with Many Demons – Jesus' Authority in the Demonic Realm

Luk 8:26-28 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. [27] And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. [28] When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?" (New information Jesus had not yet revealed) I beg You, do not torment me!"

- The other gospels give us a graphic description of the man, living there in the tombs, howling day and night, cutting himself with rocks, his body no doubt scarred. People were afraid to come near him. At times they had attempted to imprison him, to tie him with chains, but with demonic powers he broke the chains and could not be controlled. Matthew tells us there were two men, both sharing the same kind of fate, but Luke only mentions the one because he was the dominant of the two.

Luk 8:29-30 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. [30] Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

- **"Legion"** had many demonic spirits possessing his body. He was totally out of control!
- These demons recognized, acknowledged the deity of Jesus! They believed in a future judgment, a place of future torment! They also believed in prayer, begging not to be sent into the abyss, for permission to enter the pigs, recognizing His authority!

Luk 8:31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

- The demons inhabiting this man are begging not to be imprisoned in the abyss, the bottomless pit described in Rev 9:11. It seems to be the place where evil spirits, demonic spirits are incarcerated. An angel that comes with a key to the bottomless pit. He opens it up and the earth is invaded by hordes of demonic spirits during the Great Tribulation, as they are released from the bottomless pit.
- In (Jud 1:6) And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day. This could be a reference to these angels or to these demonic spirits or fallen angels. Many believe that the demonic spirits are fallen angels, those that went with Satan in his rebellion against God.
- When Jesus returns to the earth to establish His kingdom, the nineteenth chapter of Revelation tells us that Satan will be bound with a great chain and cast into the abyss. It seems to be the place of the incarceration of angelic type spirits. Men are incarcerated in Hades or Sheol. Evil spirits are incarcerated in the abyss. Realizing their ultimate fate. They are begging Jesus not to be sent there.



Luk 8:32 *Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged (3x) Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.*

- Notice that the demons could not do what they wanted without Jesus' permission! They begged Him and He permitted them.

Luk 8:33 *Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.*

- **The demons went out of the man and entered the swine:** We note again that demons may inhabit the bodies of animals, as in Genesis 3. It seems appropriate that these demons be cast into **swine**, being unclean animals. This shows us that demons are real! They exist! Powerless without embodiment!
- **The herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned:** The destructive nature of demonic spirits was shown by their effect on the swine. They were like their leader, Satan whose desire is shown in (*Joh 10:10a*) *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.*

Luk 8:34 *When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.*

- **Those who fed them saw...**The demons went out of the man possessed by them, and entered into the herd of swine, which becoming mad, ran violently down the precipice into the sea, and were drowned:
- **They fled back into Gadara,** being afraid to see their owners!

Luk 8:35-36 *Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. [36] They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.*

- **The townspeople were more afraid of a man sitting at the feet of Jesus** than they were of a man possessed by demons! What insight this gives to us mankind.

Luk 8:37 *Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.*

- **Imagine, these people begging Jesus to depart.** They were upset at the swine being destroyed rather than rejoicing for the man that was healed. They had more interest in the swine or their swine business than in man himself, which is God's crowning creation, superseding animals!

Luk 8:38 *Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,*

- **Begged Him...**First, the demons were begging Jesus not to torment them. Then the people were begging Jesus to leave their country. Now the man is begging Jesus to go with Him.
- **Notice that the demons wanted to be embodied.** Jesus said (*Luk 11:24-26*) *"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' [25] And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. [26] Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."* It seems like they cannot accomplish their nefarious deeds unless they are embodied in an animal or in a man.

Luk 8:39 *"Return to your own house (not to the priests, the man was likely a Gentile), and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.*

- **Jesus left a witness.** Visualize the impact this man, now in his right mind, fully committed to Christ, having been totally delivered, would have on those who, for years, had known first hand of this former demon possessed man! Here is a man who was a living testimony of the power of Jesus Christ and you can't deny it! As he is living in the community, now healed and whole by the power of Jesus Christ, you cannot deny what the Lord has done. His life remains there as a witness!
- **What an application for us! How active are we? Are you? In telling our community of "what great things God has done for us!"**

Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter -His Authority over Death

Luk 8:40 *So it was, when Jesus returned (to Capernaum), that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him.*

- **Notice the contrast of crowds.** One saying, Hey get out of here and the other saying, Oh great that You are here. Glad to see you. You do not have to go very far to find places where Jesus is not welcome. Many times, the demons would cry out to Jesus, Let us alone. **"What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?** Do not witness to us! Let us alone. They do not want Jesus.

- But yet how glorious when there is a reception! People are glad to see Him.

Luk 8:41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,

- Dilemma of Jairus, as ruler of the synagogue, would have known that there was a probation on Jewish leaders to have any contact with Jesus, whom they had now rejected and wanted to kill. But here he is, desperate because his daughter, his only child, was sick and near death!

Luk 8:42 for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

- The crowds were pressing, wanting to get close.

Luk 8:43-45 Now a woman (probably a Gentile, as the Law prohibited an unclean Jew in public), having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, [44] came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. [45] And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

- Come on, Lord, you have got to be kidding. We are getting pushed and shoved all over the place and then You say, *Who touched Me?*

Luk 8:46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

- There is a vast difference between *thronging* around Jesus and *touching Jesus*. The multitudes and the crowds throng Him, but in the crowds there are those who actually touch Him. How glorious it is when you touch Jesus! You are not just pressing and being a part of throng, but **you are being that one, who in faith, reaches out to touch Him!** He said, "Somebody has touched Me!"
- *For I perceived power going out from Me!* Notice that Jesus recognized the faith of this woman. In faith, she was thinking, if I can just touch the hem of His garment? I know He can do this! She had that faith! Jesus recognized that this dynamic had come out of His body and that someone had been healed. He knew it before he even saw it!

Luk 8:47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

- She gave her testimony. This woman had this condition for twelve years. Twelve years earlier she began hemorrhaging, losing blood, sort of life going out. Twelve years earlier, life came into the home of Jairus in the form of a beautiful little girl. Being the only daughter, the one who made life worth living. The one who brought joy and blessing and just such excitement into the home. Twelve years earlier, this woman began that long track of weakness. Searching for answers, her life had gone out. As she was going from doctor to doctor, spending all of her money, none of them could help her.

Luk 8:48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

- I think that there is a connection here to why Jesus stopped, saying, Who touched Me? This was in order to give Jairus hope and faith because of the news that he was about to receive. He is concerned about his little twelve-year-old daughter who is dying. Here is a woman who is now giving testimony of how Jesus brought life to her after twelve years of slowly dying as she is hemorrhaging. Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well! Go in peace!"

Luk 8:49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

- Jesus knew that this news was going to be coming right now. And He let this woman give testimony to just bolster the faith of Jairus.
- While He was still speaking, someone came from Jairus' house saying *Your daughter is dead*. What a way to give the news!
- Do not trouble the Teacher. It is too late! Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Master.

Luk 8:50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

- Do not fear! Do not panic! Just believe, she will be made well!
- **Whenever we are in great peril, may we remember this verse! Jesus says, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she (all) will be made well."**

Luk 8:51-54 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. [52] Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." [53] And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

Luk 8:54 But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."

- Notice how Jesus addressed dead people as though they were alive. He is talking to this little girl who is dead, speaking to her as though she is alive. He says, "**Little girl, arise!**" To Lazarus He said, "**Lazarus, come forth!** Come out of there! To the widow's son of Nain, He commanded the son to **arise.** Jesus talked to the dead as though they were alive.

Luk 8:55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.

- **Death is the separation of your spirit from your body.** Basically, you are a spirit, living in a body, the tent in which you live. It has been designed by God to be the instrument or the medium by which your spirit can express itself. We can relate what we are, what we feel, what we think, relating to each other, we can come to know and understand each other, which is exactly what God intended. That we come into deep loving, meaningful relationships through our bodies, designed to express ourselves.
- **Now when through age, accident, illness, disease, the body can no longer fulfill the functions** for which God designed it, then God releases our spirits from our bodies. That is a gift of love from God! Lest my spirit go on in a body that is no longer is capable of fulfilling the purposes for which God designed the body, then He in love, releases my spirit from the body!
- **This little girl's spirit had departed from her body. She was dead.** Now her spirit came back into her body.

Luk 8:56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

- **Tell no one.** Jesus did not want a premature attempt of forcibly trying to acclaim Him the Messiah and develop a revolt against Rome. His purpose in the first coming was not to overthrow Rome but to establish His government in the hearts of those who would believe. My hour has not come!
- **He will come again to establish His kingdom. But that was not the purpose of His first coming.** He came first to destroy the works of the devil and to destroy the power of sin and to bring liberty to those who were bound and captive to the enemy. He will come again and establish His kingdom!

SUMMARY -

- **What kind of soil is my heart! Is it good soil? Am I keeping, am I bringing forth fruit? Is the fruit of the Spirit evidenced and manifested in my life? Am I loving, filled with joy and peace? Am I patient and long suffering? Am I gentle? Good, kind, faithful? Do these characteristics mark my life? Am I keeping the commandment of the Lord to love one another? (Luk 8:15 - Parable of the Sower)**
- **Where is your faith?" Where is my faith is still the key question! Am I trusting in God's promises, or trusting too much in myself/my circumstances? (Luk 8:25 – Jesus calms wind)**
- **What an application for us! How active are we? Are you? In telling our community of "what great things God has done for us!" (Luk 8:39 - Demon Possessed Man)**
- **Whenever we are in great peril, may we remember this verse! Jesus says, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she (all) will be made well." (Luk 8:50 – Jairus' daughter)**

CLOSING SONG Luk 8:25 But He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

FAITH IS THE VICTORY - John Yates/Ira Sankey (2:28/2:31)

1 Encamped along the hills of light, Ye Christian soldiers rise, And press the battle ere the night Shall veil the glowing skies; Against the foe in vales below Let all our strength be hurled; Faith is the victory, we know, That overcomes the world.

(Refrain) Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory! O glorious victory, Which overcomes the world.

2 His banner over us is love, Our sword the Word of God; We tread the road the saints before With shouts of triumph trod. By faith, they like a whirlwind's breath, Swept on o'er every field; The faith by which they conquered death Is still our shining shield. (Refrain)

3 To him that overcomes the foe, White raiment shall be giv'n; Before the angels he shall know His name confessed in heav'n; Then onward from the hills of light, Our hearts with love aflame, We'll vanquish all the hosts of night, In Jesus' conqu'ring name. (Refrain)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study *Luke Chapter 9!*