Good Tidings of Great Joy
Studies in the Gospel of Luke

Glad Tidings of the Kingdom of God
Luke 8
Lesson 9

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Gospel of Luke – Outline

1. Prologue (1:1-4)
2. The Preparation for Jesus’ Work (1:5-4:13)
3. The Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
5. The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
The Life of Christ

Showing coverage by Luke (shaded)

Preparation

Public Ministry

Sacrifice

Birth

First Year

Second Year

Third Year

Annual Passovers

Extended Ministries

Later Galilean

To Tyre and Sidon

Concluding Ministries

Triumphal Entry

40 Days

Sacrifice

Ascension

- John 1:19
- John 2:13
- Mark 1:14
- Luke 6:12
- Matthew 15:31
- John 7:10
- John 11:55
- 24:43

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Luke’s Purpose

- Write an account of things believed among us
- To know the truth of things you have been taught
The Birth of Jesus

- It is a work of God (1:19)
- Jesus is the Son of God and King on throne of David (1:32)
- His birth is a miraculous act of the Holy Spirit in Mary (1:35)
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the Promise to Abraham (1:55)
- Jesus came to bring salvation/redemption (1:68-75)
- He is the Savior, Christ the Lord (2:11, 31-32, 38)
- He came to do the Father’s business (2:49)
- He came to baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit (3:16)
- He came to judge the wicked (3:17)
- He is the beloved Son of God, with the Holy Spirit (3:22)
- He came to defeat Satan (4:1-13)
Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

- Who is this One?
  - Nazareth: 4:22
  - Pharisees: 5:21
  - John: 7:19 - Are You the Expected One, or do we look for another?
  - Simon: 7:39
  - Simon’s guests: 7:49
  - Disciples: 8:25
  - Herod: 9:7-9

- Who is this One?
  - Disciples: 9:20 – the Christ of God
  - Father: 9:35 – “My Son, My Chosen One” – at the Transfiguration
Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

- **His authority:**
  - Teaching (4:32) – “amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority”
  - Demons (4:35-36) – “with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits”
  - Forgive sin (5:24) – “Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”
  - Sabbath (6:5) – He is Lord of the Sabbath
  - Immaterial world (7:8-9) – “a man under authority” – able to command the unseen
Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

- The importance of faith
  - Luke writing an account of “things believed” (KJV 1:1)
  - Zacharias did not believe . . . silent (1:20)
  - Elizabeth: “Blessed is she who believed” (1:45)
  - Seeing their faith (5:20) – healed the paralytic
  - Great faith (7:9) - centurion’s faith
  - Faith saved you (7:50) - sinful woman at Simon’s dinner
  - Parable of sower: not believe (8:12); believe for awhile (8:13)
  - Where is your faith? (8:25) – stilling the storm
  - Faith made you well (8:48) – healing the woman sick for 12 years
  - Only believe (8:50) – raising Jairus’ 12 year old daughter
Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

- The cross appears late in the Galilean Ministry
  - After Peter’s confession (9:22)
  - After the Transfiguration (9:44)
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- Jesus’ ministry (8:1-3)
- An explanation of His ministry (8:4-21) – a parable
- A demonstration of His ministry (8:22-56) – 4 miracles
Jesus’ Ministry (8:1-3)

- Proclaiming and preaching the Kingdom
  - Glad Tidings of the Kingdom of God
  - The twelve were with Him – discipling
  - Women and “many others” supporting
The Parable of the Sower (8:4-15)

- The need for this parable
- Parable – earthly story with heavenly meaning
  - 45 parables
  - 34 found in only one Gospel
  - Luke has the most parables (19 of 28 unique)
  - 5 found in all 3 Synoptic Gospels
Four Soils

- Beside the road – trampled or eaten by birds
- Rocky soil – initial growth but withered rapidly
- Thorny soil – choked out by thorns
- Good soil – great productivity

He who has ears to hear, let him hear
  - Parable intended to conceal and reveal
  - Mystery: truth that would remain unknown unless revealed by God
  - Wisdom (1 Cor 2:7 – 2:1-10) – spiritual truth
The Mystery Revealed

- Seed is the Word of God
- Soil is the heart (v. 12, 15)
  - Romans 10:9-10 – “with the heart a person believes”
- Beside the road – Satan prevents faith and salvation
- Rocky soil – hear and rejoice but fall in time of testing
- Thorny soil – cares, riches, pleasures prevent fruit
- Good soil – an honest and good heart – hold fast; bear fruit; persevere
- Fundamental need: a good heart (Deuteronomy 6:29)
  - Matthew 15:8 – a heart “far from me”
The Fruit of Good Soil (8:16-21)

▶ A new image: A lamp is lit
  • Lamp exposes the heart
  • Problem is not the seed, or the light (John 1:4-5)
  • Warning: Take care how you listen

▶ Jesus’ mother and brothers seek to see Him (19-21)
  • A third image – the family of God is not biologic, but spiritual

▶ The Word: trust in Jesus Christ and obey Him
A Demonstration of His Work (8:22-56)

- Jesus stills the storm (8:22-25)
  - Jesus led them into the boat to cross the lake
  - The storm “descended on the lake” as if unexpected by Jesus
  - Jesus slept – entrusting Himself to the Father (1 Peter 2:23)
  - A test of rocky soil – “will they believe for awhile?” (8:13)
  - They called upon Jesus
  - He directed them to the core issue: Where is their faith?
  - He is the Commander of the winds and water and they obey
A Demonstration of His Work (8:22-56)

- A legion of demons is cast out (8:26-39)
  - Demon possessed; controled by Satan
  - Demons under dominion of Christ (8:28)
  - Demons did not want to enter the Abyss
    - Abyss is “prison” for demons
    - Rev. 9:1-11 – release of demons from the abyss
    - Rev. 20:1-3, 7 - Satan’s prison for 1000 years
  - Demons sent into the pigs and into the lake
  - Citizens wanted Jesus to leave
  - Healed man wanted to go, but Jesus made him stay to preach
A Demonstration of His Work (8:22-56)

- Jairus’ request for his sick daughter
- An interruption – a woman beyond healing
- The woman is healed immediately
- Jesus detected her touch and the healing
- “Your faith has made you well; go in peace.”
- A sad message from Jairus’ home
- Jesus called on Jairus to believe.
- Jesus was mocked – an obstacle to Jairus
- His daughter was raised from the dead
- Jesus told them not to speak of this
Glad Tidings of the Kingdom

▪ Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Savior and King

▪ An obstacle – the heart of man
  ▪ Obstructed by the devil
  ▪ Turned aside by testing/temptation
  ▪ Choked out by cares, riches and pleasures

▪ Good news
  ▪ The Sower prepares the soil!
  ▪ Demons cast out
  ▪ Testing lifted before faith fails
  ▪ Cares of this world can be removed
  ▪ Faith need not be huge – hidden in a crowd; mocked by friends and family

▪ Good news – we are partakers of the Divine nature (2 Peter1:3-4)

▪ “Take care how you listen” (8:18)