

Luke Chapter 8

V: 1 Jesus, with His disciples accompanying Him, ministers throughout Galilee, preaching and showing “glad tidings”, the good news of the kingdom of God.

Matthew 4:23 “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”

- The good news, the gospel – that God has sent His son to reconcile sinful man to a Holy and sinless God.

This is the answer to Job's cry:

Job 9:33 “Nor is there any mediator between us, who may lay his hand on us both.”

- Job could see the great chasm between a Holy and Righteous God in Heaven, and sinful, wicked mankind here on earth. He's looking for a Days-man, a Mediator, someone who can bridge that Gap.
- Jesus is the answer to that cry. He is the “good news!”

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

John 3:16-17 “¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
¹⁷For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.”

V: 2-3 There were various women in the larger group of disciples that ministered to our Lord Jesus.

1. Mary Magdalene: (Bitter / Rebellious) Mary of Magdala / Dalmanutha, between Capernaum and Tiberius who had been delivered from demon possession. 
- Mary's salvation was dramatic, delivered from demon possession (7), no doubt her devotion was extreme, having been saved from so much.
2. Joanna: (Yahweh's gift) wife of Chuza, (Modest) Herod's steward, she was also present at Jesus' tomb after his crucifixion and resurrection.
3. Susanna: (Lily). Nothing else is known about her other than she supported Jesus.
- Even though Mary Magdalene's situation is described specifically, they all had the commonality of having been healed by Jesus.

“²And certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities ...”

- These three women along with others supported Jesus financially.
- Like the Apostles, a diverse group of women.

V: 4-8 The Parable of the 4 soils:

V: 4 When a large crowd had gathered from various places: According to Matthew’s gospel (Matthew 13), this takes place in Capernaum just outside of Peter’s house.

Matthew 13:1-2 *“¹On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ²And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.”*

- [Map – pictures – Capernaum, Peter’s house, Synagogue.](#)



- The Parable account in Matthew is consistent except that Matthew’s account gives us little more detail as to location and setting:
- The parables are allegorical in nature; while we don’t want to overly “spiritualize” the scriptures, there are times – as with the parables where this is how we examine them. As such we can see other possible allegorical elements in other parts of the passage as well.
 - “The house” – Israel.
 - “Sat by the sea” – the nations / gentiles.
 - Jesus is no longer just talking to the Jews, but to everyone, including the gentiles.

Romans 1:16 *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*

- The water with the natural landscape acts as an amplifier, it still does today.

“... the whole multitude stood on the shore.”

- This intimates an eagerness to see and hear the Lord.
- A casual, relaxed setting with a non-casual attitude.
- The Rabbi seated, the students standing and attentive.

Nehemiah 8:5 “And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up.”

- Jesus spoke to them in a parable: “Paraballo” = “alongside”
- A story that relates a lesson about life based on a common situation or experience, in an agrarian culture planting seeds would be a common experience.

V: 5-8 The Parable of 4 soils.

- It seems foolish to try to explain something that in just a few verses Jesus Himself will explain in detail.

V: 5 The way side is a type of soil, in this case a “pathway” or a well trodden path, meaning it’s packed down pretty hard. It also represents a type of heart or attitude; a hardened heart, in-penetrable.

- Jesus always addressed heart issues.

We’re warned:

Hebrews 3:15 (Quoting from the Psalms) “While it is said: “today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

- The fowls / birds always represent the enemy, demonic presence.

V: 6 Some fell upon a rock... with a little bit of dirt over it.

Matthew 13:5 “⁵Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.”

- This could easily describe another heart condition, which is a shallow, hardened heart.

Ezekiel 36:26 (Heart surgery) “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.”

2 Corinthians 3:3 “Forasmuch as you are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tablets of the heart.”

- This soil has all the looks of good / receptive soil – outside, but its interior is hardened to the things of the Lord.
- Christians talk about being “rooted and grounded” in God’s word, this passage points out that need - to be rooted & grounded in the Lord. Deep roots.

Colossians 2:6-7 “⁶As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him: ⁷Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

Ephesians 3:16-19 “¹⁶That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.”

- It is important to have deep roots; they hold us fast during the storms, and they nourish us during the droughts.

V: 7 Jesus will later explain that these “thorns” are the cares of this life, the things that distract us, divert our attention and energy.

The issue is about maintaining the right priorities:

Matthew 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus said to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

V: 8 Good ground, good soil, receptive and fertile

“*Hundredfold*” Isaac sowed in the land of Abimelech and reaped a hundred fold, because God was blessing him!

Genesis 26:12 “Then Isaac sowed in the land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him.” (God’s blessing!)

Acts 17:11 “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

V: 8b “.... *He that has ears to hear, let him hear.*” (Those who have a willing heart.)

- Jesus gave the same admonition to the 7 churches in **Rev. Ch’s. 2-3.**

John 10:27 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

Acts 2:41 “Then those who gladly received His Word were baptized, and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13 “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”

- Our prayer: that we would have ears to hear and eyes to see.

Psalms 119:18 “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

- It follows that there will be some who don't hear, those who don't have ears to hear.

Proverbs 13:13 “He who despises the Word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.”

Ephesians 5:6 “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

- The natural man, the carnal man, the non-believer, can't understand, doesn't really want to anyway.

(turn to)

1 Corinthians 2:9-14 “⁹But as it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹For what man knows the things of man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³These things we also speak not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.”

- Lacking the ability or the faculty to understand as a blind man can't enjoy a sunset, or a deaf man not appreciating music.

V: 9 Lord, what does this mean? They do exactly the right thing, they ask Jesus what do these things mean – He is the source of all wisdom and understanding.

James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and without reproach; and it will be given to him.”

John 8:31-32 “³¹... if you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed; ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

V: 10 Jesus explains that the disciples have a privilege in knowing and understanding that not all have – for a purpose.

- Matthew’s Gospel includes another comment on the subject from Jesus:

Matthew 13:12 “For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.” (Holy Spirit)

- Those that know and embrace these truths shall be given more wisdom, those that don’t embrace true wisdom shall have what little they think they have taken away.

Proverbs 4:5 “Get wisdom, get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of My mouth.”

“*Know*” – “Gnosko”; to know by personal experience, to know intimately.

- In this case we’re in the “know” - it’s been revealed to us by God because we have that relationship with Him.

John 15:15 “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

- Who gives this knowledge? The Holy Spirit!

1 Corinthians 2:10 “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God..”

John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

- As mentioned in Matthew’s account, the one who receives and responds will gain even more insight. The ones who don’t respond, even the little they have will be taken away.
- When we reject the wisdom of God, the counsel of God – what is left? The wisdom and counsel of this world – which is foolishness to God:

Romans 1:21-22; 28 “²¹Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their

foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;”

- Sadly, when we reject the truth, all that is left is the lie.
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V: 10b “... that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.”

- Jesus is quoting from Isaiah.

Isaiah 6:9-10 ⁹“And he said, go, and tell this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive. ¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed.”

- Seeing doesn’t necessarily equal recognizing.
 - Hearing doesn’t necessarily equal understanding.
 - The condition of our heart, spiritual discernment is the key!
- Spiritual pursuit, versus an academic one.

Ezekiel 12:2 “Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see, but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear; for they are a rebellious house.”

- They have closed their own eyes, they have stopped their own ears.
- “There are none so blind as those who will not see.”

2 Peter 3:5 “For this they are willingly ignorant, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.”

(Darwinism)

Jeremiah 29:13 “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Psalms 119:18 “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

- If we’re God seekers, God will be found of us!

V: 11-15 Jesus give the explanation of the parable of the soils.

V: 11 *“The “seed” is the Word of God.”*

- If the seed is the word of God, then who is the sower? Initially the sower is Jesus himself – we see Him sowing and spreading seed all over Galilee and Israel, then the Holy Spirit uses all of us to sow the “seed” as we follow Jesus.

1 Peter 1:23 *“Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God, which lives and abides forever.”*

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 *“⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.”*

Psalm 19:7-11 *“⁷The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.”*

V: 12 *“Wayside” - Those that hear initially, then the devil / birds come and take it away – out of their heart, before it can germinate.*

- V: 5 indicates that just before it was snatched away, *“it was trampled down”* – walked on, wasn’t appreciated for what it is.

Matthew 7:6 *“Give not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.”*

- God’s word needs to be valued and appreciated for what it is, otherwise we’ll leave it laying around – and it’ll get snatched up by the enemy.

1 Samuel 3:19 *“So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.”*

(Because Samuel let none of God’s Words fall to the ground! He revered God’s Word!)

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *“For this cause also we thank God without ceasing, because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you received it not as the word of men, but at it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectively works also in you that believe.”*

Psalm 119:11 *“Thy word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against thee.”*

Parallel account:

Matthew 13:19 “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.”

- Understanding is key: receiving instruction, study, perseverance.

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Hebrews 4:2 “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the Word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”

- That’s the difference, some receive, are willing to be instructed, others are not.

Jeremiah 17:23 “But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.”

Jeremiah 32:33 “And they have turned to me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.”

1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man does not receive the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

V: 13 Rocky soil / stony ground: received the Word with joy, but also with shallow, untested faith, it faded away.

Matthew 13:20-21 “²⁰But he that received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the Word, immediately he stumbles.”

2 Timothy 3:12 “Yes, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

- Shallow dirt – “bowl” – no deep roots.
- A warm rock, causes early / immediate germination.
- Seed germinating in my truck. (testimony)

Ephesians 3:16-19 “¹⁶That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.”

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- What is it that gives us deep roots? Trials and tribulations.

James 1:3-4 “³Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. ⁴But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, wanting nothing.”

V: 14 Among thorns: they hear the word and begin to move forward but...

Matthew 13:22 “He also that received seed among the thorns is he that hears the Word; and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the Word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

Example: Rich young ruler.

Luke 18:22-25 “²²So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” ²³But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. ²⁴And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, how hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

- We want to cling to things that will have no value in eternity, and if we’re not careful and wise, these things may even keep of from eternity with Him, depending on how we choose.
- We think that riches will satisfy, but they don’t, or that hobby, or relationship, and on it goes.

The woman at the well:

John 4:13-14 “¹³Jesus and said to her, whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

1 Timothy 6:6 “But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

Matthew 6:24 “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Priorities & choices:

Matthew 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

- We must all choose.

Joshua 24:15 “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

V: 14b “... *and bring no fruit to maturity.*”

- They start to bear fruit, there is the bud or the beginning of fruit, it starts to form - but then it just stalls, it doesn't ripen, it dies on the vine.
- A fruitless life is not a truly Christian life; a fruitless life is a failed – un-Christian life. We have to bear fruit of one kind or another.

John 15:1-6 “¹I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, He purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³Now you are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; neither can you, except you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶If a man do not abide in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”

- The branches that do not bear fruit are cut off, cast down, and burned in the fire – the result of their own choice.
- Before we get to the “good soil” notice that 3 out of 4 thus far have ended up not producing fruit – scary to say the least.

V: 15 Good ground:

- Attributes: Noble (honest) & good heart, hearing the Word, keeping the Word, bearing fruit with patience or in due time.

Matthew 13:23 “But he that received seed on the good ground is he that hears the Word, and understands it; which also bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Matthew 25: Parable of the “talents” – 5, 2, 1 producing 10, 4, 0

- The two that produced anything were commended and rewarded; only the one who didn't produce any fruit was cast out – this is a constancy in God's word.
- What is fruit? Gift of tongues? (no necessarily...) (7 examples)

James 3:18 “And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

Romans 6:20-22 “²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.”

Romans 1:13 “Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you but was hindered until now, that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. (Souls, winning souls to Christ)

Galatians 5:22-23 “²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love; joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Philippians 4:15-17 “¹⁵Now you Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me as concerning giving and receiving, but you only. ¹⁶For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and gain for my necessity. ¹⁷Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.”

Colossians 1:10 “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

Hebrews 13:15 “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” (Praise)

- The average seed to harvest ratio is 8 to 1; the Word of God yields much more, 30-60-100 fold!

Isaiah 55:11 “So shall My Word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

- Plow! Prepare the soil, break it up!

Jeremiah 4:3 “For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns.”

Exodus 20:1-17, use the plow / 10 commandments.

John 10:10 “... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” God wants us to have an abundant, fruitful, victorious life in Him!

John 15:8 “Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples.”

V: 16 Light isn't meant to be covered up it has purpose – illuminate / reveal.

Psalm 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:130 “The entrance of thy words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.”

Context:

Matthew 5:15-16 “¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all that are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

- Jesus is our light.

John 8:12 “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

V: 17 One day all secrets will be revealed, thoughts, motives, attitudes, actions, – everything.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 “For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

1 Corinthians 4:5 “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.”

There is nothing hidden from God:

Proverbs 15:3 “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”

Psalm 147:5 “Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite.”

V: 18 Take heed, be careful – how we hear. Attitude is everything.

- Attributes of the good soil: Honest & good heart, hearing the Word, keeping the Word, bearing fruit. How we hear is a choice that we make.

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as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectively works in you that believe.”

Isaiah 66:5 “Hear the Word of the LORD, you who tremble at His Word:...”

Psalms 42:1-2 “¹As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God...”

John 10:27 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

“For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken away from him.”

- The one who receives and responds will gain even more insight. The ones who don't respond, even the little insight they think they have will be taken away.

Proverbs 9:9 “Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.”

Proverbs 17:16 “Why is there in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom, since he has no heart for it?”

- When we reject the wisdom of God, the counsel of God – what is left? The wisdom and counsel of this world – which is foolishness to God:

Romans 1:21-22; 28 “²¹Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools.”

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- Sadly, when we reject the truth, all that is left is the lie.

V: 19-20 As Jesus finishes His teaching on the parable of the 4 soils His mother and family came to see Him.

- “*Mother and brothers*”, this directly refutes the heretical teaching of the Roman Catholic Church that Mary was a “perpetual virgin” – the Bible does not attempt to present her as such.
- The writers of all 4 Gospels refer to Jesus' half brothers and sisters at some point:

Matthew 13:55-56 “⁵⁵Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers, James, and Joses, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶And His sisters, are thy not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

Paul addressing the issue of being an Apostle and living a normal life:

1 Corinthians 9:5 “Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?”

- James & Jude both came to the Lord after His resurrection and are recorded in the book of Acts as early leaders in the church. Both would later write books of the Bible each bearing their names – all making it very difficult to deny that Jesus had ½ brothers by His mother Mary.
- As Jesus acknowledges His mother and brethren in the next verse, the issue is or should be pretty well settled.

V: 21 Jesus answered them using this situation with His earthly blood relatives to state that His real / true relatives, those whom He has a real / true relationship with are those who hear the word of God and do it.

James 1:22 “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

John 14:15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

- Jesus was teaching there in the area of Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee, now He takes the disciples across the lake to deal with the demoniacs of Gadera.

V: 22-25 Calming the storm, and the hearts of the Apostles, on the Sea of Galilee.

Parallel accounts: **Matthew 8:23-34, Mark 4:35 - 5:21**

V: 22-23 Jesus lead His disciples into the boat and says lets go to the other side of the lake.

- Sometimes Jesus does that, He leads us, His disciples into the storm - but always with purpose. We’ll see in this scenario that there is a multi-fold purpose for all of this. ¹With the disciples, ²the demoniacs, and ³the people of Capernaum back on the other side of the lake.

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

- Or as the KJV puts it, “to bring you to an expected end.” To accomplish a purpose in your life.

- The sea of Galilee is 680' below sea level, Mt. Hermon is 9,280' above sea level. As the cold air from above meets the hot air from below it creates a lot of turbulence, quite a stir = 25' waves measured from the back, 40' on the face.
- Matthew's Gospel (8:24) records that they were "covered with the waves"
- Jesus was tired enough to fall asleep, and to sleep through it – peace!



Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

Jesus gives us of what is His:

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Mark 4:38 "And He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow..."

- The stern of the ship is where the rudder is, Jesus was still guiding the boat. For the most part ships were not pleasure crafts, they were working fishing boats – no pillows – this will come into play with the demoniac.

"... *a windstorm came down on the lake*..." (Spiritual warfare, Anti-Christ)

Referencing Satan, the Devil:

Ephesians 2:2 "... according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience."

- At the same time Jesus is at peace, the disciples are panicking, but Jesus is at peace. The disciples conclude that they are about to be lost, the boat is in jeopardy, filling with water, it's about to sink, and they're going to die.

V: 24 The disciples correctly go to Jesus when they were afraid.

- They woke Jesus up and He immediately rebukes / commanded the storm to cease; and it did!

Mark 4:39 "And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace, be still! And the wind ceased and there was a great calm."

- "Peace be still" = be "muzzled", as in a wild dog.
- When Jesus issues a command, things happen.
- The One who created the sea and the wind can certainly control it.
- "Calm" - (G-1055) "galene" (galaynay) - calmness, tranquility, quietness.

V: 25 Where is your faith? Faith and fear are mutually exclusive, they cannot co-exist.

- Faith test:

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Mark 4:40 “And He said to them, why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith.”

- They were fearful of sinking and perishing, fearful because of the storm - then Jesus calmed the storm, no more reason to fear. There was a great calm.

“And they were afraid, and marveled...”

- As they question and consider who Jesus is, because of the great calm - the threat of their sinking is passed, now their fear seems to be directed towards Jesus.
- They are starting to connect the dots and beginning to realize who Jesus really is, much more than just a prophet!

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

- What manner of “man”:
- This is part of a progression in their growth that will lead to Matthew 16:13-16

Matthew 16:13-16 “¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi. He asked His disciples, saying, “who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” ¹⁴So they said, some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

V: 26-40 The demoniacs of Gadera. Again there are parallel passages in both Matthew & Mark.

- There are a couple of stories behind the story here: Background information.
- Gadarenes? Land of Gadera. Descendants of the tribe of Gad – Jews.
- **Numbers 32:1-5** As Israel was entering into the promised land the tribes of Reuben, Gad, ½ tribe of Manasseh, settled on the wrong side of the Jordan Vs going into the promise land as God had commanded. (Decapolis, Gentiles & Jews.)
- They settled for less than God’s best for them, they compromised.

- They eventually went from raising cattle and flocks to becoming pig ranchers; because sadly one compromise usually leads to another.
- Jesus describes the prodigal son in Luke 15 – who turned away from his father to live in the flesh, and is finally reduced to what occupation? Swine herder, pig rancher – the story ends well with his restoration into fellowship, as it does at least for this one descendant of Gad.
- Another back story is alluded to in the Gospel of Mark:

Mark 5:3-5 “³Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: ⁴Because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.”

Map: Capernaum to Kursi and the acoustics of the Lake:



- The Sea of Galilee is **13 miles long, 7 miles wide, 33 miles in circumference,** and **150' deep** at it's deepest point. (Varies)
- Everyone in Capernaum could probably hear the demoniacs in Kursi night by night, like living across the street from the party house – it gets tiresome.
- **Mark 4:38** - Jesus was asleep on a “pillow” – there aren't pillows on fishing boats, but we do later read that the demoniac was “clothed” and in his right mind – where did the clothes come from? The pillow that Jesus slept on was probably a bundle of clothes for the naked and soon to be clothed former demoniac.
- Jesus not only personally delivered the demoniac from his torment, but He also did a public service to all those that had to put up with the racket.

V: 26-27 After the storm is calmed, they make land at Gadera / Kursi and are welcomed by a naked, demon possessed, wild man that no one could tame, who lived in the tombs.

- Think about non-believers, not clothed in righteousness, controlled by the flesh / Devil, erratic behavior, who enjoy hanging out with the spiritually dead more than the living.
- Satan robs men of their sanity, and their self control, he isolates them, causes them to harm / cut themselves, (**Mark 5:3**) and strips them of their dignity, he humiliates them (naked).

Isaiah 65:4 “Who sit among the graves, and spend the night in the tombs; who eat swine's flesh, and the broth of abominable things is in their vessels;”

- As abominable, detestable, and ugly as this situation is, our Lord has compassion on this poor soul.

V: 28-29 The demon immediately recognized his Creator, he knows who Jesus is, but recognition is not the same as placing your trust in Him, worshipping Him or having a personal relationship with Him, knowing of Him, as opposed to knowing Him.

James 2:19 “You believe that there is one God; you do well: even the demons believe, and tremble.”

They recognized Jesus:

Matthew 8:29 “And, behold, they cried out, saying, what have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come to torment us before the time?”

- The demons know what is in store for them; they know the end of the story – their main goal is to take as many people to hell with them before they themselves go.
- Jesus commanded, He spoke the Word of God:

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

V: 30-34 Jesus commanded Satan to go, **Matthew 4:10**, and he did.

- They not only knew who Jesus is, but they knew His character and what He was likely to do.
- What is your name, (Our benefit) what is your situation - Jacob – time of truth:
- Legion (6,000)
- They didn't want to be cast into the abyss prematurely.

2 Peter 2:4 “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell ((G-5020) tartaroo) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;”

Jude 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;”

Revelation 20:1, 3 “¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit (abusso) and a great chain in his hand.” - “³and he cast

him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he could deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished...

- 2,000 pigs – **Mark 5:13**.
- Once the demons had gone into the swine, they ran down the hill at a steep place and drowned in the sea of Galilee.
- There is only one steep place along the shore of Galilee, at Gadera, or modern day Kursi, just below Ramot. 
- The swine herders ran away in fear to tell those in the city.
- Satan fills them with fear, robs them of their love and joy, their family, and home.
- ❖ All of this is a picture of life dominating sin.
- Satan leads them, and us if we are foolish enough, to death and Hell.
- Then as now, society was unable to change, un-chain, or help these men, only the power of Jesus Christ was able to change their hearts, set them free, and heal them.

Jesus gives an admonition:

Matthew 12:43-45 “⁴³When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴Then he says, I will return to my house from which I came.” And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then 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. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

- Nature abhors a void, there is no void, in either nature or the spiritual realm, – if we put something off, then we must put something on to replace it.
- Alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling, promiscuity, life dominating sin... must be replaced with the righteousness of God.

1 John 4:4 “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

1 Corinthians 3:16 “Know ye not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

- Jesus spoke and they were healed – the Word of God impacted their lives.

V: 35-36 The people from the city came out to see what had happened, when they came they saw the demon possessed man sitting with Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind. You would think they'd be happy, but they weren't.

- Why did this cause them to fear? Consistent response – because suddenly to them God is real, this is the power of God manifest in front of them, this is the One who will one day judge their sins and they will be found wanting.
- By what means he was made whole – **V: 29** By Jesus giving the command, speaking, by the Word of God. (**Hebrews 4:12**)

Psalm 119:165 “Great peace have they that love thy law, nothing shall cause them to stumble.”

Psalm 119:130 “The entrance of Your Words give light; it gives understanding to the simple.”

V: 37 The community at large asks Jesus to leave – dead pigs? Economic decision? Conviction? Light cannot co-exist with darkness?

Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

- Jesus knocks, but we’re the ones who have to open the door, He’s not going to kick it in.

John 3:19 “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

Matthew 7:6 talks about not casting our pearls before swine, and here we see why. Having no capacity for God they chose their pigs, their money, over God.

Matthew 6:24 “No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

V: 38-39 After being delivered, like Mary Magdalene, this man wanted to stay with Jesus, and Jesus said “no” – go home and testify to your family and friends how God delivered you.

- There were three prayers in this last scenario:
 1. The demons – **V:31** Answer: “yes”
 2. Gadarenes – **V: 37** Answer: “yes”
 3. Restored Men – **V: 38** Answer: “no”
- Would we allow God to tell us “no”, would we serve Him and glorify Him anyway?
- But God I wanted Job / husband / heal my mom / to get me out of this!
- Would we be content, is it enough to just be clothed in His righteousness, to be in our right mind, and in a right relationship with Him?

1 Timothy 6:6 “But Godliness with contentment is great gain.”

V: 39b He was obedient!

- God’s progressive work in our lives. First he was saved, then he was sent out.

Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ;”

V: 40 The story doesn’t end here: (Gadara vs: Capernaum?)

Mark 5:18-19 “¹⁸And when he got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed, begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”

- The restored men were sent home to be a witness. Ministry starts at home!
- Jesus later returned to this area – **Matthew 14:34-36** – and received a warm welcome back due to the testimony of this man, and many were healed and believed.

Isaiah 55:8-9 “⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

V: 40 Jesus returns back to Capernaum and the multitude gladly welcomes Him home.

Mark 5:21 “Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.”

- They were eager to hear from Jesus, I hope that we are as well.



Proverbs 8:34 “Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.”

V: 41-42 Jairus, ruler of the synagogue – in Capernaum.

- Parallel accounts: **Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26, Mark 5:22-24, 35-43.**
- *Jairus* is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew name *Jair* which means “*Jah will enlighten*”. Jairus himself is about to be “enlightened”.
- Jairus is the ruler of the synagogue in Capernaum – he was probably involved in helping the centurion who’s servant was sick and subsequently healed by Jesus.

- Now his own daughter is sick, she's almost to the point of death. Jairus might have thought previously to go to Jesus, but Jesus was away at Gadara ministering to the demoniacs.
- Now Jesus is back, this is Jairus' first opportunity to approach Jesus and now in seeming desperation and humility he throws himself at Jesus' feet.
- Sometimes you gotta strike when the iron is hot!

2 Corinthians 6:2 “For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

- *“fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him...”*. True and desperate humility.
- Matthew's Gospel says he “worshipped” Jesus –

Matthew 9:18 “While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshipped Him, saying, “my daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.”

- “Worshipped” – this particular word is only used in reference to worshipping God. The same as the leper in **Matthew 8:2**.
- “Worshipped” (G-4352) “proskuneo” - to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand; to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (lit. or fig.) prostrate oneself in homage, do reverence to, adore, worship. Akin to “blowing a kiss.”
- What must this have looked like to the other members of the ruling council in Capernaum? This would probably cause Jairus to lose his position and standing amongst the Jews.
- Correct priorities! Jairus truly loved his Daughter more than his job or position.
- Then the interruption, another delay in the midst of a desperate situation.

V: 43-48 The woman with an issue of blood – a parenthetical break.

- Parallel accounts: **Matthew 9:20-22**, **Mark 5:25-34** (most complete).
- **Comparison: stark contrast:**
 1. A man of standing and reputation vs: a woman of no standing or reputation.
 2. A man who prided himself on ceremonial cleanliness, a woman in a state of defilement.
 3. A man of wealth, a woman destitute and poor.

4. A man with his family around him, a woman seemingly on her own.
5. Jairus had seen 12 years of life and blessing through his daughter, the woman has been dying for the last 12 years as life flowed from her.

Leviticus 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood...”

- Similarities: Both were in desperate need, humbled themselves before Jesus, both were ministered to by Jesus – their needs were met.

V: 43 Flow of blood, 12 years, unclean:

Leviticus 15:19, 25 “¹⁹If a woman has a discharge, and the discharge from her body is blood, she shall be set apart seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.” (any one who touches anything she has touched becomes unclean) - “²⁵If a woman has a discharge of blood many days, other than at the time of her customary impurity, or if it runs beyond her usual time of impurity, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the day of her customary impurity. She shall be unclean.”

- She has spent all of her living, all her money over these 12 years on doctors, and they couldn't help her.
- Similar to the demoniac, they had tried to bind him and do everything humanly possible – all to no avail. Both this woman and Jairus had exhausted all other means and had no where else to go.

John 6:67-68 “⁶⁷Then Jesus said to the twelve, do you also want to go away?”
⁶⁸But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

- Like most of the impossible situations we face there is always a spiritual dimension to it that cannot be resolved in a purely physical sense.

Zechariah 4:6 “... this is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

- This might just be a subtle commentary on doctors. I have respect for doctors, but I also acknowledge that they are fallible human beings just like the rest of us. They are subject to human frailties and influences just like anybody else and we all need to prayerfully consider any advice, treatment, or counsel that they would seek to render. If you doubt any of that just ask a nurse, you might get more than you want to know.
- So the medical professionals were unable to help her with this malady.

V: 44 In desperation she came in the press from behind, and touched His garment.

- People trying to get Jesus' attention, like Jairus, approached from the front, she didn't want to detain Jesus, just to touch Him.
- The woman was un-touchable, an outcast – she was breaking the rules to move through the crowd even to approach Jesus.

“Touching the hem / border of His garment.”

Mark 5:27-28 “²⁷When she had heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

- Why not touch Him on His shoulder or grab Him by His sleeve?
- Culturally the hem of the garment represented power and righteousness:

Numbers 15:38-40 Tassels on the boarder of their garments to remind them of the commandments.

- Another aspect of the hem or border of their garments is that it's low to the ground. You can't touch it without bowing down – an act of humility.

James 4:6 “... God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

“And immediately her flow of blood stopped.”

- Was there actual power in the hem of His garment? We know that Jesus healed the woman, not His clothes (in-animate object) - the hem of His garment was simply a “trigger of faith”

Acts 5:15 “So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.”

Acts 19:11-12 “¹¹Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul: ¹²So that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.”

- “immediately” – her flow of blood stopped, she knows she's been healed.
- But that is not the end of the story.

V: 45-46 Jesus – who touched Me?

- Whenever Jesus asks a question, it's never for Him, it's always for us. He was drawing something out – a testimony that would give glory to God.

- Real deliverance & salvation involve humility – never arrogance.
- Given the circumstances, the Apostles thought Jesus was being a little unreasonable, there were a bunch of people thronging / touching Him. But Jesus didn't let it go.
- “Throng & press” - hemmed in, squeezed in from every side, surrounded, “mob'd” not quite “dog piled” but “group hug” wouldn't be too far from true.
- Jesus didn't want to be the One to speak of the miracle, He wanted this testimony to come from her lips.

Proverbs 27:2 “Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.”

Perhaps re-directing the praise and glory to God the Father:

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

V: 47-48 She fell down before Him – for that to have happened, He had to have turned around to meet her.

- She may have thought that she would now be chastised for being in the crowd against the tenants of the Mosaic law, or that she would be rebuked for reaching out and possibly defiling Him

John 1:17 “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

- She humbly gave testimony, and in so doing she gave glory to God! Then Jesus says to her:

“*Daughter...*” = speaks of relationship. My child.... Relief, comfort, loving term.

“... *be of good comfort...*” He is comforting her and at the same time drawing out a testimony that will be a comfort to others.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 “³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

“... *your faith has made you well. God in peace.*”

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

- “**Well / Whole**”: (G-4982). sozo, sode¹-zo; “**saved**” (93x’s), deliver or protect, heal, preserve, be (make) well or whole.

Ephesians 2:8-9 “⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹not of works, lest any man should boast.”

- Could also read “... *your faith has saved you...*”

Mark 5:34 “And He said unto her, Daughter, your faith has made you well ^{G-4982}; go in peace, and be healed ^{G-5199} of your affliction.”

“**Healed**” (2nd) (G-5199). “hugies”, hoog-ee-ace¹; healthy, well (in body), whole; figuratively, used as a metaphor to mean true in doctrine, sound doctrine, teaching that does not deviate from the truth.

- Relationship – based on faith, whole / salvation – peace – healing, sound doctrine.
- She was healed of her physical ailment, but more importantly she was healed of her spiritual condition – separation from God, but now she has a personal relationship with God – she’s a daughter!
- We are made whole and enter into a personal relationship the same way, by faith!

“*Go in peace*” - There are no issues between us, go knowing that you are at peace with God.

Romans 5:1 “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

V: 49-56 Parenthetical break is over – back to Jairus and his daughter:

V: 49-50 “*While He was still speaking...*” – interrupting the interruption:

- News arrives that Jairus’ daughter has died. (Insensitive?)
- What they are saying is that it’s gone beyond any man’s ability to remedy...

Matthew 19:26 “But Jesus beheld them, and said to them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”

- Reading into their statement a little bit: they don't believe that Jesus can do anything at this point, it's almost like they are trying to draw him back in a sense into the synagogue before he gets into trouble, "come back into the fold".
- Jesus immediately tells Jairus "*do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well,*"

1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love."

- Our choice; believe the messengers of the world, or the message from heaven.
- Jairus has the testimony of the centurion who's servant was healed and now he's seen the woman with the issue of blood healed. He's probably heard about the widow's son.
- He's heard about or not heard the demoniacs over in Gadara. – it wasn't just an un-related interruption, it was another validation of the power of God to heal which added to Jairus' faith.

"50b ... *and she shall be made well.*"

- Shall be, future tense, it isn't done yet, but it soon will be.

Romans 4:17 "As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations" in the presence of Him whom he believed - God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;"

V: 51-53 Jesus only allowed Peter, James, and John, and the girls parents to see what was about to take place.

- This was not a spectacle for the crowd to watch.

Mark 5:38 "Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw the tumult, and those who wept and wailed loudly."

- Besides those who would naturally be grieved over a death in the family it was not un-common for people to hire professional mourners. The greater the lament, the greater the person...
- Someone in the household had probably already hired these mourners, or seizing on the opportunity they initiated it themselves in expectation of payment.
- Jesus declared that she wasn't dead, but that she slept – now to us and to them she was dead, her spirit had left her.

James 2:26 “For as the body without the spirit is dead, ...”

- This image, being asleep, is often used to describe the death of believers. Sleep is a normal experience that we do not fear, and we should not fear death. It is the body that sleeps, not the spirit for the spirit of the believer goes to be with Christ.

Philippians 1:20-23 “²⁰According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I live in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.”

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 “⁶So we are always confident, knowing that, while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight: ⁸We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

- The mourners laughed at Jesus because they saw death as being final. They failed to realize that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Remember our Lord's conversation with Martha, the sister of Lazarus who died:

John 11:25-26 “²⁵Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ²⁶and whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

V: 54-56 Jesus removed the naysayers. Jesus then took the little girl by the hand and said, “*little girl, arise.*” – Then her spirit returned. (Because it had departed)

Ecclesiastes 12:7 “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”

Mark 5:41-42 “⁴¹Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “Talitha, cumi;” which is translated, “little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴²Immediately the girl arose, and walked...”

- “Tali tha cumi” = “little girl, arise”
- He took her by the hand – “defiled” by dead body, but not really dead, just like when He touched the bier / stretcher of the widow’s son.
- Each time Jesus raised someone from the dead, He spoke directly to them.
- She moved, demonstrated that she was alive.

- Then He “*charged*” her parents to tell no one what had happened.”
- They wouldn’t have to say anything, the minute the little girl went out to play or to get water from the well, everybody would know. He obviously didn’t tell the Apostles not to tell anyone, because here we are reading it in the Gospels.
- Jesus is recorded raising three people from the dead: (recorded)
 1. Jairus’ daughter – **Matthew 9, Luke 8:55** – came to life hungry and moving.
 2. Widow’s son – **Luke 7:15** – came to life speaking.
 3. Lazarus – **John 11:44** – came to life walking & grave clothes loosed.

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- **2 Corinthians 5:17**, new creatures alive in Jesus should be **HUNGRY** for the Word, **SPEAKING** the truth of Jesus, testifying, and moving, **WALKING** with Jesus, no longer bound by death / sin! Wearing a new set of clothes.

- This chapter starts out describing Jesus as teaching, preaching, and healing. We see that Mary Magdalene was delivered of 7 demons and that other women ministered to the practical needs of our Lord.
- Then the parable of the sower, 4 soils – 4 types of hearts and how they relate to the word of God.
- This chapter also portrays 3 different miracles with a common denominator:

1. **The demoniac** couldn’t be controlled or restrained by men, left in a living death in the tombs, naked, crying out – out of his mind:

Mark 5:8 “**For He / Jesus said unto him...**”

- Then we see the “demoniac” sitting at Jesus’ feet, resting, clothed, and in his right mind.

2. **The woman with the issue of blood**, defiled, unclean, life ebbing out of her.

V: 48 “**And He said to her**, Daughter, be of good cheer: your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

- She is not only healed of her physical malady, but she now has a personal relationship with the Jesus.

3. **Jairus’ daughter** – dead already:

Mark 5:41 “And He took the damsel by the hand, and said to her...”

- Again the word of God brought life to that which was dead.
- What would the answer to our problems be?
- The common denominator is the Word of God mixed with faith.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick and powerful, ^(alive) and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”