



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 8 – Luke 8

People — Who is involved?

The twelve and some women: Mary Magdalene; Joanna, wife of Chuza; and Susanna. Jesus' mother and brothers. Legion – a demon possessed man. Jairus and his daughter who had died. A woman with a hemorrhaging health issue.

Places — Where does it happen?

Every city and village of Galilee (v. 1, 4). A windstorm came up when Jesus was in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. The Gadarene country was on the southeast side of the Sea of Galilee (v. 26). Healings probably back at Capernaum (v. 40)

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

*Vs. 2 – Note that evil spirits and infirmities (illnesses) are identified separately. They are not the same.
Vs. 2 – Magdalene is a term identifying Mary as the one from Magdala, a town south of Capernaum.
Vs. 4 – A parable is an example or illustration thrown alongside a spiritual lesson providing comparison.
Vs. 10 – This tells the reason for many of Jesus' parables: so that the ones who were not spiritual and did not wish to learn would not understand.
Vs. 16 – A candle, to them, was a clay oil lamp usually four to eight inches in length and shaped like an open teapot. When placed on a lampstand, it lighted up a room.
Vs. 19 – Jesus immediate family comes to Him. Mark includes "sister" in his reply (Mark 3:35).
Vs. 23 – This was a severe windstorm (see the word "raging" in v. 24). Jesus had power over it (v. 25).
Vs. 26 – Gerasa (see Luke and Mark) is identified with Jerash (see Luke and Mark) about 30 miles southeast of the Sea. Gadara is often identified with the Syrian town of Um Qeia (see Matthew).
Vs. 28 – Notice the demons knew who Jesus is.
Vs. 30 – "Legion" referred to a regiment of 6000 Roman soldiers; here it stand for the 2000 demons in him (Mark 5:13) who were like an army leaving destruction and ruin in their wake.
Vs. 33 – Some have criticized Jesus for abuse of animals. This is one of only a few instances where Jesus actions appear less than benevolent (see also Mark 11: 12-14 and Luke 19:45-48).
Vs. 43 – The hemorrhaging woman would have had medical issues, emotional issues, and spiritual issues connected to being ceremonially unclean (disallowed from engaging in Jewish religious activity).
Vs. 55 – Death, by definition, is the separation of the spirit from the body. When her "spirit came again" she revived, thus raised from the dead (see also 1 Kings 17:21-22).*

Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

1. What is in our hearts determines how we receive and remain faithful to the Word of God.
2. Jesus has power over all evil and all evil spiritual beings.
3. We should remember that our spirit returns to the care and keeping of God when we die. It does not remain in our physical bodies.