

The Gospel of Luke

An Invitation to be Reassured
Sunday, October 6, 2013

Luke 7:1-8:21

I. Introduction

Focus Point: “The Good News is for all people and those who trust Christ will obey him.”

II. The Good News is for ALL People

a) Centurion (7:1-10)

Roman soldier who had authority over 100 men.

“I am not worthy” – shows his humility

“say the word” – shows his faith

Jesus says, *“I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”*

b) Poor Widow (7:11-17)

Jesus power to heal has now moved up a notch with the raising of the dead.

“A great prophet has arisen among us...” a good description, but inadequate unless you add Lord, Christ, Messiah, Son of God, etc.

“God has visited his people...” – Through Jesus God is making himself known to His people. He is bringing salvation to them.

c) Sinful Woman (7:36-50)

This woman is unnamed, but she begins to wash Jesus feet with her tears and wiped it with her hair. She is thankful and amazed as she senses the presence of God in the person of Jesus.

v.48,49 – “Your sins are forgiven.” Who is this, who even forgives sins? Luke intentionally raises the question again about who Christ is? A question we all must answer.

d) All Women (8:1-3)

Luke has more references to the role of women in Jesus ministry than any other Gospel.

Wide variety of women of the social order – Herod’s palace to a demon-possessed woman or social outcast!

III. Trust Christ and Obey Him

a) *John's Messengers (7:18-35)*

John sends his messengers to ask Jesus if he is the one! Jesus proceeds to do great miracles and then tells them to report back to John what he tells them but also what they have seen.

v.35 – Wisdom (God's way) is justified (shown to be right) by all her children (the followers of John and Jesus).

b) *Parable of the Soils (8:4-15)*

v.9 – The purpose of the parables is that it blinds those that have resisted God's revelation, while helping those who have believed it.

The seed is the Word of God and it falls upon four types of soil.

- 1) Path and trampled under foot and birds ate it
 - 2) Rock and grew up but withered because no moisture
 - 3) Thorns and grew up with the thorns, but it choke it
 - 4) Good soil, grew and yielded hundredfold
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- 1) Those who hear and devil comes and takes it away
 - 2) Those who hear and receive with joy, but have no root, they fall away when testing comes
 - 3) Those who hear and go on their way but are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.
 - 4) Those who hear and hold fast to it in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with patience.

c) *The Good News is the Light (8:16-18)*

Jesus is encouraging the disciples and us to respond by proclaiming the good news, which others will see if we do not hide the light!

Those who hear and understand will be given more and the one who does not listen will lose what he has heard.

d) *Family of God (8:19-21)*

Jesus understands his natural family, but he also understands his spiritual family are those who hear the Word of God and DO IT!

IV. Conclusion