

# The Gospel of Luke

*An Invitation to be Reassured*  
Sunday, October 13, 2013

**Luke 8:22 – 56**

## I. Introduction

***Focus Point: Jesus possess authority over all things so we can have faith when trials come that he is aware and is able to deliver.***

## II. The Miracles Speak

- 1) They are to drive home who Jesus really is for the disciples (and us) and bring assurance to trust Christ.
- 2) They continue to demonstrate the authority Jesus possesses.
- 3) They are designed to call disciples to realize that however great the peril; Jesus is aware and is able to deliver.

It may be deliverance *through* trial, rather than deliverance *from it*. But no matter, we are to apply faith in such situations.

### **a) Jesus calms a storm (v.22-25)**

v.25a – *“Where is your faith?”*

Faith – *oligopistos* – ‘little faith’ not *apistos* which means ‘no faith.’ It is an ‘ineffective, defective or deficient faith.’

*“To overcome trial, one must have faith in God’s goodness. The faith in view here is not initial faith, but an applied faith that functions in the midst of pressure. It is a faith that has depth of understanding and can be drawn upon in tough times.” D. Bock*

*“They were afraid, and the marveled.”* Fear and wonder are the natural responses when you see God at work.

v.25b – *“Who then is this?”*

The calm waves testify to who Jesus is! The creation obeyed its Creator!

### **b) Jesus Heals the Demoniac (v.26-39)**

This event takes place in Gentile territory showing us again (Centurion) that Jesus ministry goes beyond Israel.

v.35-37 – The response of the people! Surprising!

*“Unbelief can be hard to understand sometimes.” D. Bock*

v.39 – He did two things 1) he proclaimed throughout the entire city 2) he told them what Jesus had done for him!

**c) Jesus Heals a Woman and raises Jairus's daughter (v.40-56)**

These next two miracles is a contrast of two different types of people but they both are desperate for Jesus to help. These stories show us the compassion and power of Jesus.

Jairus was a man of prestige and respect within the community, but he had a desperate problem. His only daughter was dying. And this man, who obviously had heard of the ministry of Christ, came to him.

He tells of another person who was present that day, a woman who was suffering from an ailment: she had been haemorrhaging for twelve years. She had been so plagued by this problem that she had spent her life-savings upon physicians, without being healed. This woman was desperate.

v.46 – *“I perceive that power has gone out from me.”*

“power – dunamis -

v.48 – *“Daughter...”* – What amazing word from our Savior!

v.49-53 – Jairus gets the word that his daughter is dead! Jesus goes to his house and tells the people she is sleeping – they laugh and mock him.

v.54 – *“But taking her by the hand...”*

Jesus is in defiance of ceremonial law which you are not allowed to touch a corpse, but he raised her from the dead so she was a corpse NO MORE!

**III. Conclusion**

Because God is sovereign over all things...nature, demonic, disease and death we can trust Him when we face trials in our lives. Jesus is able to deliver you!