

## Lesson IV – The Compassionate Savior

### Luke 7:11–8:56

#### **Review:**

Jesus Heals a Leper (Luke 5:12–15)

Jesus Cares for Soul and Body (Luke 5:17–26)

The Call of Levi (Luke 5:27–39)

Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath (Luke 6:1–11)

The Calling of the Apostles (Luke 6:12–16)

The Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:17–26)

Jesus Explains the Law of His Kingdom (Luke 6:27–42)

Jesus Recognizes His Disciples (Luke 6:43–7:10)



#### **Theme Verse:**

“And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.” Luke 7:14-15

#### **Bible Study:**

##### **Jesus Comforts the Bereaved**

Read: **Luke 7:11–17**

1. What special comfort can we give Christians who mourn over the death of loved ones (see John 11:25–26; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17)?
2. How does this story illustrate the comforting doctrine of the resurrection?

##### **The Messengers from John**

Read: **Luke 7:18–23**

1. Why is it unlikely that John doubted the Messiahship of Jesus (see John 1:29–34; 3:28–32; Luke 7:24–27; Isaiah 35:6)?
2. What advice would you give to people who express doubts about Jesus being the Son of God and the world’s Savior (John 5:39; 1:45, 49)?

## Jesus' Testimony about John

Read: **Luke 7:24–35**

1. What advantages do we Christians have over the Old Testament prophets? over John the Baptist (see 1 Peter 1:10–12)?
2. What does Jesus say about those who refuse to believe the message of His ministers?
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## In the House of Simon the Pharisee

Read: **Luke 7:36–50**

1. What is the proper attitude of Christians toward the lost? How does the parable of the two debtors apply to all people today?
2. What is the meaning of verse 47? What comes first: our love or God's forgiveness (see 1 John 4:19)? What prompts God to forgive sins?

## The Parable of the Sower

Read: **Luke 8:1–15**

1. What means did Jesus use to awaken faith in the hearts of His hearers (v. 1)? How did some women who followed Jesus give evidence of their faith (vv. 2–3)?
2. How does this parable show the hearing of God's Word having different effects on different hearers? How do you apply sermons to yourself personally?

## The Parable of the Candle

Read: **Luke 8:16–21**

1. Give two reasons why believers are referred to as lights (Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 5:14–16).
2. What does Jesus call all those who believe in Him (v. 21)? Why is this comforting to us? What are believers called in Ephesians 2:19 and 1 Peter 2:9–10?

## The Storm on the Lake

Read: **Luke 8:22–25**

1. Why did the disciples have no reason to fear, even though Jesus was asleep in the ship (see Psalm 121:3–4)? Why can we be sure of God's help in all our troubles?
2. Which commandment condemns lack of trust in God as sin? Why is it comforting to know that the disciples sometimes had a weak faith?

## The Demon-Possessed Man

Read: **Luke 8:26–39**

1. How does this passage show that the devil is the enemy of God and man? Why should we not fear Satan's power?
2. How do some people today show the same attitude toward Jesus as did the Gerasenes? What do 1 Timothy 6:9–10 and Luke 12:20–21 say about such people?

## Faith Purified by Tribulations

Read: **Luke 8:40–56**

1. Why should a Christian not be afraid of death (see Philippians 1:21–23; Job 19:25–27)? Why did Jesus say, "She is not dead but sleeping" (v. 52)?

## Closing

Some activities this week to grow your faith:

- Volunteer to help the bereaved in your congregation by sending a card, sharing companionship, or providing a meal;
- Let your light shine by inviting your neighbors to an informal Bible study in your home;
- Read **Luke 9:1–10:37** to prepare for the next lesson

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