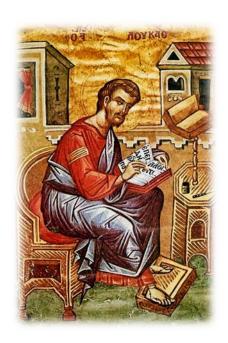
# Lesson IV – The Compassionate Savior Luke 7:11–8:56

#### **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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