

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## *A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God*

### ***Storms, Demons, Sickness, & Death: Jesus Conquers All!***

**Luke 8: 40-56**

As we come to the close of Luke, Chapter 8, we realize that Luke has given us a collection of events that occurred within a very short time frame that demonstrate Jesus' power over all the types of troubles we can face. It is a chapter filled with love and encouragement. This, THIS, is our magnificent Lord and Savior and nothing defeats Him!

#### **I. A Tale of Two People**

- A. One a man, one a woman  
One highly respected and recognized, one lowly and rejected  
One probably well off, one poor from spending all her money on a cure  
Both in desperate situations, both placing all their hope in Jesus
- B. Luke weaves together their story:  
A woman who has been sick for 12 years with an offensive disorder and who has spent all she earned seeking a cure  
A man whose daughter of 12 years is critically ill and whose only hope is the attention of the famed Healer of Capernaum

#### **II. Jesus' Love for People, Great and Small**

- A. A strange trip across the Galilee: basically it was just a boat ride in which two significant things occurred —
  - 1. Jesus is the Master of the wind and waves
  - 2. Jesus is the mighty Deliverer of the greatest bondage
- B. His immediate response, upon His arrival, to go quickly to the home of Jairus to heal his only daughter
- C. In the midst of the urgency He stops to affirm the faith of a shy and timid woman who has touched His robe
- D. In every case we see the great love He has for people in all situations of life and His willingness to intervene out of His great heart. This is the picture of the Father and of His Son, Who, by the Holy Spirit, come to us even today.

#### **III. What Is God Saying to You Through These Events?**

- A. What is your need today? Into which category does it fit?
- B. What do you need Jesus to do for you? Can you clearly name your greatest need right now?
- C. Do you believe He is able to meet you in your need and to bring His power to bear in your crisis?
- D. Do you know that God loves you and cares about every detail of your life?

And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began to implore Him to come to his house; for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me." When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did Jesus know he had been touched by the woman? What do you think that signifies?
2. Did Jesus change His course of action when Jairus learned that His daughter had died? Why or why not?
3. What is the significance of the four major events recorded in Luke 8?
4. How does that apply to our need today?
5. Is there any Scripture evidence that Jesus is the same today as when He was here in person?
6. What do these events, and Jesus' response to them. Tell you about the character of God?

### NOTES

people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While He was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, "Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother. Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child, arise!" And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat. Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

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