

LUKE Lesson 21

(Luke 8:1-3, 16-40)

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Discussion of verses 1-3

Women are highlighted once again in these verses, as they minister to Jesus.

Six Mary's in the New Testament:

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Verses 16-40

VS 16 Parable of the lighted candle. If you are saved, you have the gospel light of Jesus Christ in you. You have a responsibility to let it shine to the world so that they may see it (Mt 5:16). Refer to Revelation lesson 9 for more information on this subject (BBCKuwait.org).

Vs 17 All your secrets shall be opened at the Judgment Seat of Christ if you're saved.

Vs 18 This verse refutes the idea of Socialism. Jesus taught that those who worked and earned a wage would be given more. Those who are lazy and don't work, lose what little they have. That is Capitalism. (See Matthew 25:14-30 for the parable of the talents; Matthew 20:1-16 for the parable of the laborers in the vineyard).

Note: the church was never commanded to give away their property in Acts 2:44-45. This was a voluntary act. Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5:1-11) were not punished for not giving up all their property. They were condemned for lying to the Holy Ghost.

19-21 New relationships. Jesus taught here that your spiritual relationships are more important than your natural relationships.

22-25 Jesus stills the waves. In verse 22 we see the humanity of Jesus Christ as he sleeps. (See Heb 4:15-16, Psalm 121:4).

"They were in jeopardy" (vs. 23) even though they were obedient and acting in the will of God. The Lord wants us to trust Him during times of danger, trouble, or trial.

Jesus rebuked the wind and the water as though it had a personality and the storm immediately stopped. Some say the Devil sent the storm, but never forget that the Lord is the one in control.

Devils cast out of the maniac of Gadara

- 26-27** The man “**which had DEVILS...ware no clothes.**” A desire to expose yourself is not a mark of fashion, it’s a mark of devil possession. If you’re not ashamed to show your body, it’s because “the unjust knoweth no shame” (Zeph 3:5).
- Vs 28** The devils knew who Jesus was (see James 2:19, Acts 19:15).
- Vs 29** Unusual strength and isolating yourself from people is a mark of devil possession.
- Vs 30** The devils (plural) had one name: Legion. A Roman legion consists of six thousand men.
- Vs 31** The devils didn’t want to “**go out into the deep.**” The spiritual realm is not limited to planet earth.
- 32-33** Jesus sent the devils into a herd of swine. Some men condemn Jesus for upsetting the livelihood of the pig farmers. Those Jews were in violation of the Law of God (Lev 11:7-8) and it was an abomination to God (Isa 65:3-4). The Lord got rid of that which was defiling His people.
- 34-35** The pig farmers fled to tell everyone about Jesus, but they didn’t know anything about Jesus.
- The man, now free from the devils, was “**clothed, and in his right mind.**” How many people could be cured of their “*mental problems*” if they’d stop trusting the doctors and turn to Jesus?
- The common people “**were afraid**” when they saw that the maniac was now in his right mind. Have you ever noticed how people seem to fear you now that you’re a believer? Carry a Bible around sometime and watch people flee from you.
- 36-37** When some unbelievers spread the word about Jesus, their false message caused “great fear” and the people didn’t want anything to do with Jesus.
- 38-40** The newly saved man wanted to follow Jesus. Jesus instructed him to start by showing his family what He had done for him. This is the principle taught in Acts 1:8. Your witness for Jesus starts at home.
- The man obeyed the Lord, which resulted in people gladly receiving Him (John 1:12). The people of this world have been lied to. We need to tell them the truth about Jesus.
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