



# The Ministry of the Messiah

A Devotional Study in Luke 8-10

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## The Pattern of Renewal

### Luke 8:26-39

Preaching Date: May 5, 2019

Worship: Lord of Power and Might

Key Sentence: An encounter with Jesus turns torment to testimony

Objective: That we would see the full fruit of our trials

#### Outline

I. Torment (Luke 8:26-29)

II. Encounter (Luke 8:30-33)

III. Sanity (Luke 8:34-36)

IV. Testimony (Luke 8:37-39)

**Luke 8:35** *Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.*

The man was "sitting at Jesus' feet" instead of roaming aimlessly among the tombs. He was "dressed" instead of naked. He was "in his right mind" (literally, sound in mind, and thus self-controlled). He was alert, laughing, and even devout. What a testimony to the power of Jesus Christ! His contest with the demons, despite all its seriousness, was almost farcical. With a word, the illegitimate swine plunged to their death, and the demons were howling their misery in an incorporeal existence in the Abyss.

The night before, a single word from Jesus had flattened the raging sea. Now in the morning light, a veritable spiritual storm was again hushed with a single word. Only God could do this. The disciples' appreciation for and understanding of Christ flamed ever brighter. Jesus could do anything!

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## **A Story within a Story**

### **Luke 8:40-56**

Preaching Date: May 12, 2019

Worship: Compassionate Lord

Key Sentence: Have faith that the same love Jesus showed to someone else in need, he will show to you.

Objective: That we would see him at work in our circumstances

#### Outline

I. The Outside Story - Part 1 (Luke 8:40-42)

II. The Inside Story (Luke 8:43-48)

III. The Outside Story - Part II (Luke 8:49-56)

***Luke 8:44*** *She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.*

She suffered from a perpetual issue of blood. Such a condition would be difficult for any woman of any era. But for a first century Jewess, nothing could be worse. No part of her life was left unaffected. Physically exhausted and socially ostracized. She had sought help “under the care of many doctors” But “they had not done anything except cause her a lot of pain.”

I envision her crouched against a wall, head hooded and lowered so as not to be noticed. A throng of people are coming her way, dozens of villagers. Christ and Jairus lead the crowd. She ponders her options. “If I can touch the hem of Him...” Risky decision. To touch him, she will have to touch the people. If one of them recognizes her . . . hello rebuke, good-bye cure. But what choice does she have? She has no money, no clout, no friends, no solutions. All she has is a crazy hunch that Jesus can help and a high hope that he will.

Max Lucado, *A Step Toward Healing*

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## Who Can Do This? Luke 9:1-17

Preaching Date: May 26, 2019

Worship: The Bread of Life

Key Sentence: Only Jesus can meet the needs of all who seek him.

Objective: That we would rely on Jesus alone for life and ministry

### Outline

- I. Do your work in dependence on him . . . (Luke 9:1-6)
- II. Don't even try to compare him to others . . . . (Luke 9:7-10)
- III. Only Jesus can meet the needs of all who seek Him.  
(Luke 9:10-17)

***Luke 9:16-17** And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.*

The miracle is this - that Jesus alone can meet the needs of all who seek Him. He is sufficient for all his children. He is not limited as we are, to partially helping only a few, physically sustaining only a few. He is not limited to five thousand, or ten thousand, or a million. Jesus is provision for all needs of all who seek him.

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# Who Do You Say that I Am?

## Luke 9:18-36

Preaching Date: June 9, 2019

Worship: You Are the Christ

Key Sentence: He is the Christ who will suffer: follow Him.

He is the Son who will be glorified: listen to Him.

Objective: That we would see Jesus in His Glory

### Outline

I. The Christ: follow Him (Luke 9:18-27)

II. The Son: listen to Him (Luke 9:28-36)

**Luke 9:23-25** *And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup>For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?*

This is what Oswald Chambers calls abandonment. Chambers says "If we only give something up to God because we want more back, there is nothing of the Holy Spirit in our abandonment; it is miserable, commercial self-interest. Real abandonment is a personal, chosen preference for Jesus Christ Himself."

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## Mid-Terms

### Luke 9:37-62

Preaching Date: June 16, 2019

Worship: The Lordship of Christ

Key Sentence: What area of discipleship do you need to work on?

#### Outline

I. Confidence (37-45) Do I have confidence when Jesus is out of sight? Do I have confidence in his plan of salvation?

II. "I" Trouble (46-56) Do I have "I" trouble in my relationships? Do I suffer from spiritual intolerance? Am I compassionate toward those who oppose me?

III. Priorities (57-62) Is Jesus more important than my comfort? Is Jesus more important than my duty? Is Jesus more important than my affections?

**Luke 9:57-58** *As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

No one who commits to following Christ, and does so, lives a life of ease. No one. If your Christianity has not brought discomfort to your life, something is wrong. A committed heart knows the discomfort of loving difficult people, the discomfort of giving of until it hurts, the discomfort of putting oneself out for the ministry of Christ and his church, the discomfort of a life out of step with modern culture, the discomfort of being disliked, the occasional sense of having nowhere to lay your head. But Christ's rewards far outweigh anything lost by following him.

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## A Special Relationship Luke 10:1-24

Preaching Date: June 23, 2019

Worship: Peace

Key Sentence:

God's Messengers enjoy a special relationship with Him.

Outline

I. They are appointed

II. They are empowered

III. They are blessed

**Luke 10:23-24** *Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."*

What was it these disciples saw? It was Jesus. What was it that these disciples heard? It was Jesus. The prophets who foretold the coming of Messiah longed to see his day come. The kings of David's line, who knew they had been promised an eternal ruler, longed for him to come. But it was these disciples these fisherman, tax collectors, poor people who got to see Jesus face to face.

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# Love by Example

## Luke 10:25-42

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Worship: The Love of God

Key Sentence: Love is learned by example. Therefore imitate those who love.

### Outline

I. The Law of Love

II. The Samaritan: Love for Others

III. Mary: Love for God.

**Luke 10:25-28** *And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"* <sup>26</sup>*He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"* <sup>27</sup>*And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."* <sup>28</sup>*And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."*

And in today's Scripture, we learn about one of the most important characteristics of the Christian life - Love. And we find that we are given a command to love - to love God and to love others. But the bare command is sometimes more intimidating than it is helpful. Therefore we look further in this text, and we find examples of what it means to love others, and to love God. Love is learned by example. Therefore imitate those who love.

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