

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 06 Dec 2020	..... Luke 1:1-25	..... Planned
2) 13 Dec	..... Luke 1:26-80	..... Conceived
3) 20 Dec	..... Luke 2:1-19	..... Proclaimed
4) 27 Dec	..... Luke 2:20-40	..... Anticipated
5) 03 Jan 2021	..... Luke 2:41-52	..... Matured
6) 10 Jan	..... Luke 3:1-38	..... Prepared
7) 17 Jan	..... Luke 6:27-49	..... Compassionate
8) 24 Jan	..... Luke 4:1-44	..... Rejected
9) 31 Jan	..... Luke 5:1-16; 27-39	..... Followed
10) 07 Feb	..... Luke 5:17-26	..... Forgives
11) 14 Feb	..... Luke 6:1-26	..... Reigns
12) 21 Feb	..... Luke 7:1-50	..... Loved
13) 28 Feb	..... Luke 8-9	..... Unashamed

INTRODUCTION

- What is harder for God to do – cure a headache or restore a limb?
- Since nothing is too hard for God, it stands to reason restoring a limb or even making the Sun stand still is no big effort for Him
- The real question today is why are we not seeing such miraculous healings as wounded soldiers growing their missing limbs back? At best, we are only seeing psychosomatic illnesses being healed
- The answer is found in His word – such miraculous healings, signs and wonders occurred at specific times in history to kick off a new agenda which God was establishing for His people. For example:
 - 1) Moses' era → The birth of a new nation, Israel
 - 2) Elijah/Elisha → Last chance for God's nation, Israel, to repent
 - 3) Jesus and Apostles → Testified that the Messiah had arrived
 - 4) 2 Witnesses in Revelations → Christ is coming back real SOON
- **Remember** – Like the noble Bereans – we need to prove all things and discern all things in light of the “whole counsel of God”

Passage	Comments
8:1-3	<p>Women Funded the Lord's Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. Mary Magdalene is named here, so she was not the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, else Luke would have recognized her as such • v3. Women saw fit to fund the Lord's work with their own resources – These women were just as vital to the Lord's work as were the Apostles & disciples • Jesus could've just as easy pulled money out of fish (Mat 17) to fund His work, but He wants men and women to work in His ministry and reap rewards
8:4-15	<p>Parable of the Sower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv09-10. Since His miracles confirmed His deity (John 10:25), why did Jesus veil the truth of the Gospel of Salvation in parables to the unsaved? • Couldn't Jesus save more people if He was less vague, worked more miracles, and even visited the unsaved priests and Pharisees after His resurrection? • God doesn't force His will on anyone. He gives enough evidence for those who are willing to accept, and enough wiggle room for those who don't want to accept
8:16-18	<p>Nothing is Secret in the Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a warning to both believers and non-believers • v18. “Take care how you listen” or “Take seriously what we hear” for we will all give an account of the things we say, do and think about
8:19-21	<p>The Lord's Mother and Brothers Pay Him a Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus uses this visit by His immediate family as a powerful analogy of how we are invited to become a part of His immediate family by simply obeying His command to hear and obey God's word

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8:22-25	<p>Jesus, 100% Man, Falls Asleep; 100% God, Calms the Wind and the Waves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Where is your faith?” – The disciples are thick-headed • But would we have been any smarter or wiser? • Every time we fail to pray, to obey, and to believe we exhibit a lack of faith as the disciples
8:26-39	<p>Demons Jump from Naked Man to Herd of Pigs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We learn a few things about demons in this story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They recognize and fear the Son of God ♦ They can be tormented ♦ They can torment people and animals relentlessly causing them to do shameful and destructive things to others and to themselves ♦ Many can inhabit a non-believer ♦ A person can be rid of demons by the power of God • Other similar scripture passages reveal more details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ If people don't replace bad habits with godly habits, worse things can take up residence in them .....Lk 11 ♦ Prayer and fasting may be needed to rid people of demonic influence Mark 9 • Not all bad behavior is due to demons. It could be willful behavior or due to physiological reasons (chemical imbalance due to age, injury or disease)
8:40-48	<p>“Who Touched Me?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While in route to heal Jairus' terminally ill daughter, a woman with a bleeding disorder grabs the tassels of Jesus' shawl, believing she would be touching God, and she was instantaneously healed..... Mark 5:25-34 • Jewish men often wore a garment called a, “Talith”, aka a Prayer-Shawl, which was symbolic of God and His word enveloping them.....see Numbers 15:37-41 • v48. “Your faith has made you well” – What was the difference between this woman's faith and the faith of everyone else who was looking to get a miracle?
8:49-56	<p>Healing of Jairus' Terminally-ill Daughter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don't be afraid. Only believe, and she will be made well” – Powerful words from the Giver of Life • Are these words for us as well? Can we prevent death and even resurrect loved ones by not being afraid and only believing? • Considering the context & the “whole counsel of God” these words were very specific to Jairus' situation • His daughter would eventually die again later in life, and so has everyone else down through the years • Generally speaking, as believers it is very true we do not and should not be afraid as we traverse through life – for all things will work out for our good ..Rom 8:28

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Luke 9:1-6	<p>Heal Everyone and Proclaim the Kingdom of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 12 Apostles, including Judas, were sent out with the God-given authority to heal like Jesus – 100%, instantaneously, everyone they came across Purpose – to proclaim the Kingdom of God had arrived What is the significance of this “Kingdom of God,” which was first proclaimed by John the Baptist? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In essence, God, through His Holy Spirit, was going to take up residence in believing Jews & Gentiles, instead of working through the nation of Israel, which consisted of both believing and non-believing Jews Application? Like the 12 apostles here in Luke 9 and the 70 who were sent out in Luke 10 with similar authority to heal all – is this applicable for us today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple answer is NO! Again, based on Scripture: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> After a time, even the Apostles couldn't work miracles anymore – Paul couldn't heal Epaphroditus, Trophimus, Timothy, or himself Paul told Timothy take some wine (medicine) for his stomach problems. Where were the gifted healers & miracle workers; why didn't Timothy's own prayers work; and why didn't Paul, a righteous man who prayed fervently, just pray for him or send him a handkerchief to be healed by? Conclusion: We either have a contradiction in Scripture, OR the Holy Spirit, since He gives gifts as He sees fit (1Cor 12:11), changed His method from healing ALL instantaneously to now healing some over time, some by medicine, and some through prayer and confession (James 5:16). THEREFORE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The miracles of the Apostolic era are over for now Other gifts are also gone, but that's another lesson
9:10-17	<p>Feeding 5000 Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event is in all 4 Gospels – So it must be important If you add 1-3 family members per, Jesus fed 10,000+ Again, this event along with feeding the 4000 were unique miracles done only by Jesus, and had a specific purpose to confirm Him as the “Bread of Life” who was sent in fulfillment of Scripture .....Isaiah 61:1
9:18-22	<p>Peter Gets It – Sort of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v21. Why keep such a major revelation a secret? Since Peter acknowledged Jesus was the Messiah, the incarnate Son of God – why would he deny knowing Jesus just prior to the Lord's crucifixion?
9:23-27	<p>Take Up Our Cross and Follow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does it mean to “take up our cross”? Would our cross be our lot in life – whether we be male or female, free or slave, black or white, handicapped or whole, tall or short, rich or poor, American or Mexican? What are some other crosses some carry? Who would not see death till they saw the K. of God? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probable reference to Peter, James & John since the Transfiguration event follows this passage
9:28-36	<p>The Transfiguration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was another one-time occurrence in Scripture Why did Jesus tell the 3 amigos to keep it a secret?
9:37-45	<p>The Apostles Still Don't Get It</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v41. Jesus seemed frustrated by His Apostles lack of faith, or possibly of the scribes & Pharisees in the crowd – “How much longer am I going to be with you?” Today's vernacular: Just kill me now & get it over with!

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Apostles should have been more mature than they were at this stage, but, like us, they probably were not as diligent as they should have been If Jesus voiced this rebuke at the Jewish spiritual leaders in the crowd it was for their cold heartedness, for they should have been able to free this boy from this tormenting spiritEzekiel 34:4
9:46-48	<p>How do we Get Promoted in the Kingdom of God?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By promoting others before ourselves
9:49-50	<p>Is It Our Way or the Highway?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John wanted an exclusive club Jesus has no problems with dividing and multiplying Good passage to use on Catholics and others who think they have a hold on the way things ought to be

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- We may not be able to work the miracles which Jesus & His Apostles did, but we still have the mandate to come along side and help those with problems or caught up in sin, to pray for the welfare of others, to heal the broken-hearted, and be a conduit of God's love to the world
- Remember** – more blessed are those who have not seen or experienced the risen Christ, yet believe

NEXT WEEK: Luke 10-13. If it is true God no longer works supernatural wonders & miracles of the 1st century (e.g., instantaneous & 100% healings of everyone) then can we still effectively pray for the sick?

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To: Jesus, Son of Joseph
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Dear Sir: Thank you for choosing us to help you assess the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your organization. All of them have now taken a battery of tests; and were interviewed by our psychologists and vocational aptitude consultants.

The profiles of all the tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully. It is our opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capacity.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no quality of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Philip seemed critical of everything. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We felt that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings and they both registered high scores on the manic-depressive scale. Simon the Zealot seems militant while Bartholomew is an extreme introvert.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is a highly motivated, outspoken, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man.

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