

Jesus Magnified

Luke 8

Lesson 7

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 8

How exciting it must have been for the disciples to spend their days with Jesus! They never quite knew what a day would entail. Yet they knew they would hear life-changing truth, see great miracles, and experience great things.

The same expectation is ours as we read and study Luke 8. Like the disciples accompanying Jesus, we will study life-changing words, observe great miracles, and read about the astounding works of Jesus. Get ready to accompany Jesus as He travels the regions of Galilee speaking parables, calming seas, delivering a demoniac, healing a woman, and raising the dead.

*Ask God to give you a heart filled with joy
and expectation as you study Luke 8.*

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 8:1-15

1. Luke 8 records Jesus' ministry in and around the Sea of Galilee. From Luke 8:1 note and comment on His activity in this region.

2. Women also accompanied Jesus as He ministered. Use Luke 8:2-3 to list these women and note the details given about each.
 - a. What do you find most compelling about them?

3. The Galilee was a rich agricultural region in Israel. So, when *a great multitude had gathered*, Jesus gave them a *parable* about a *sower*. Use the *parable* in Luke 8:4–15 to fill in the chart below:

THE SEED The seed is the Word of God. (verse 11)	WHAT HAPPENED (verses 5–8)	WHAT IT MEANS (verses 12–15)	WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE TO YOU
<i>That fell by the wayside</i>			
<i>That fell on rock</i>			
<i>That fell among thorns</i>			
<i>That fell on good ground</i>			

4. When the disciples asked Jesus what His *parable* meant (Luke 8:9), He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: ‘When they look, they won’t really see. When they hear, they won’t understand’” (Luke 8:10, NLT). Why did Jesus use parables?

a. Why do you think some are able to *understand* the parables?

5. What insight do you receive from the Parable of the Sower?

4. How could you use your study today to exhort someone to *heed* God's Word?

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 8:22-25

1. According to Luke 8:22-23, what *happened on a certain day*?

a. What did Jesus do *as they sailed*? Luke 8:23a

b. Why were they in *jeopardy*? Luke 8:23b

2. From Luke 8:24 contrast and remark on the reaction of:

a. The disciples

b. Jesus

(1) How can you identify with this situation?

3. Record the question Jesus asked the disciples in Luke 8:25a.

a. When it comes to the storms of your life, where do you tend to place your faith?

4. Note and comment on the disciples' reaction to what Jesus had done. Luke 8:25b

5. Share a time Jesus calmed a storm in your life.

FIFTH DAY: Read Luke 8:26–39

1. Jesus and His disciples *sailed to the country of the Gadarenes* (Luke 8:26). Use Luke 8:27–33 to describe and comment on:
 - a. The *man* who *met Him* there (verses 27, 29b)

 - b. The demon's interaction with Jesus (verses 28–29a, 30–31)

 - c. The man's deliverance (verses 32–33)

 - d. What do you draw from this story about:
 - (1) Demonic activity

 - (2) Jesus' authority

2. Those who tended the swine went throughout *the city and in the country* reporting *what had happened* (Luke 8:34). What did the people see when they *came to Jesus*? Luke 8:35
 - a. Why do you think *they were afraid* when they saw this?

3. In Luke 8:36 the people were told how the demon-possessed man had been *healed*. How did they react? Luke 8:37a
 - a. What did Jesus do? Luke 8:37b

4. Use Luke 8:38–39 to remark on the exchange between Jesus and *the man from whom the demons had departed*.
 - a. Contrast the multitude's response with that of this man. Share your thoughts.

5. List a few of the *great things God has done for you*.

e. What did Jesus charge them to do? (verse 56b)

5. How does your study this week speak to you concerning:

a. God's Word

b. Faith

c. Jesus' authority

6. How was Jesus magnified through your study this week?