

THE WONDER OF GOD PART VI
LUKE 8
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INTRODUCTION

- Part 5 in Luke 7, three very different stories that are all miraculous. Great faith, great compassion and great doubt.
- This week Luke 8, four miraculous stories. We will discuss the Kingdom of God, demons and healing.

I. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- Luke 8:1-3, "...Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the good news about the kingdom of God. He took His twelve disciples with Him, ² along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases..."
- Jesus healed and delivered people.
- Luke 8:1 - "Preaching the kingdom of God"
- What is meant by the word "kingdom"? = *basileia* - Greek = dominion, think the kings domain
- Luke 17:20-21, "...the Kingdom of God is within you."
- Three kingdoms: God's - man's - Satan's
- Satan came to destroy/do whatever was necessary to gain rulership over the earth.
- God sent His Son to restore both rulership and relationship.
- Loss of the kingdom = destruction - disorder - dominion – relationship total loss of life
- Rule = order; Realm = scope; Reign = person, power
- The kingdom of God = destiny to men
- Romans 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is...of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit..."

II. FOUR MIRACLES THAT DECLARE THE KINGDOM

1st - He stilled the sea.

- Luke 8:22-25 - Jesus' authority over nature.

2nd - The demoniac cured.

- Luke 8:26-39 - Jesus sets him free.
- Word demon is used 67 times in the New Testament.
- We call these bondages or strongholds.
- Demons are not spatial beings. They take up your will.

3rd and 4th - Vss. 40-56 - Healed a bleeding woman and raised a dead daughter.

- Both are women. Both stories are full of faith.
 - Vs. 48 - "Your faith has made you well."
- Vs. 50 – "Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well."

III. JESUS' HEALING TOUCH

- Four times in Luke 8 a word is used to describe Jesus' healing touch – Sozo.
- Aramaic term that means to make alive or healthy.
- This verb "sozo" is used over and over to describe Jesus' miraculous work.
- Sozo = to be kept safe and sound, to be cured, to be kept healthy, to preserve your inner person, to save from death.
- Jesus never separated the spiritual from the physical.
- Luke 19:10, "The Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost." - Sozo
- Key – Sozo is closely related to the word soteria, salvation, and soter, Savior.
- Jesus' work as Savior is closely tied to His work as a healer.