

LUKE 8



In 5 minutes...

WHEN:

- The events of chapter 8 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Savior, son of God.
- **12 Apostles** - Jesus' closest associates.
- **Jesus' Family** - His mother Mary and His brothers.
- **Possessed Man** - A man with an evil spirit in the country of Gerasenes.
- **Jairus** - A ruler of the synagogue who had a dying daughter.

WHERE:

- The chapter opens with Jesus travelling through various towns proclaiming the news of the Kingdom of God.
- He taught the people in parables "by the sea" (Matthew 13:1), probably near Capernaum.
- The events in verses 22-25 took place in a boat on the Sea of Galilee.
- Jesus healed a demon possessed man in the country of the Gerasenes (also called the Gadarenes, Matthew 8:28).
- Luke doesn't tell us where Jairus lived but Capernaum seems likely.



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OVERVIEW:

- JESUS PREACHES THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM (8:1-8:3):
 - + Jesus travelled through various towns and villages preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God.
 - + He was accompanied by the 12 Apostles, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and many others.
- THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER (8:4-8:18):
 - + Jesus taught the people using a parable about a sower (farmer) spreading seed in his field.
 - + The seed fell on 4 types of soil: the hard soil (path), stony ground, thorny ground, and good soil.
 - + Jesus proceeded to explain the parable to His 12 Apostles.
 - + The 4 soils represented 4 types of people and how they received the words of God.
 - + Jesus only explained the parable to the Apostles, but told them they would later be responsible for sharing the same truths with the world.
- JESUS' FAMILY VISITS HIM (8:19-8:21):
 - + Jesus' mother, Mary, and brothers came to see Him.
 - + Jesus taught the people they could be part of His spiritual family if they were obedient to the words of God.
- JESUS CALMS THE STORM (8:22-8:25):
 - + Jesus and the Apostles were travelling across the Sea of Galilee when a wind storm kicked-up.
 - + The Apostles were so afraid they thought they were going to sink but Jesus miraculously calmed the storm.
- THE HEALING OF THE DEMON POSSESSED MAN (8:26-8:39):
 - + After the storm, Jesus arrived in the country of the Gerasenes and was met by a demon possessed man.
 - + When Jesus cast the demon out it entered a herd of pigs and caused them to drown themselves in the sea.
 - + The people of the nearby city were afraid of Jesus and asked Him to leave their country.
 - + Before departing, Jesus told the man who had been healed to tell everyone about what God did for him.
- JAIRUS' DAUGHTER RAISED AND A BLEEDING WOMAN HEALED (8:40-8:56):
 - + Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, found Jesus and asked Him to heal his dying daughter.
 - + While walking to Jairus' house, a woman with a "discharge of blood" touched Jesus' clothing in hopes of receiving healing.
 - + Upon touching Him, she was healed and her faith was commended by Jesus.
 - + While Jesus was talking to the woman, a person from Jairus' house told him his daughter had died.
 - + Jesus overheard the conversation and told Jairus not to fear "only believe, and she will be well."
 - + Jesus entered Jairus' house, took his 12 year old daughter by the hand, and raised her from the dead.

BIG PICTURE:

- In the last chapter, Jesus showed He had power over sickness, death, and sin.
- In this chapter, Jesus reveals His power over death, demons, and nature.

TAKEAWAYS:

- God doesn't forget about His people. The Apostles were worried their ship was going to sink but Jesus knew every wave and wind gust and wasn't going to let them drown.
- Jesus led the Apostles into the storm even though He knew they would be afraid. Perhaps Jesus still does the same to us today so we learn to rely on His power and not our own.