

Luke Chapters 4-8

4:1-15 - How did Jesus resist temptation? (Psalm 119:11)

4:25-27 - Jesus reminds the people of Nazareth that when Israel rejects God's prophets (i.e., Elijah and Elisha), God sends them elsewhere, even to Gentiles. At this the crowd becomes angry.

- Why do we sometimes avoid facing the truth about ourselves?

5:17-6:11 - Luke returns to the theme of opposition to Jesus by including five accounts of controversy. **(1)** forgiving paralytic's sin, **(2)** Eating with tax collector, **(3)** the disciples not fasting while with Jesus, **(4)** disciples plucking grain on the Sabbath, **(5)** doing *good works* on the Sabbath.

5:15-16 – Despite the unceasing demands for Jesus' attention, for what does He make time? Do you make similar time despite life's demands? *In the 24 chapters of Luke, examples of / instructions to so, are noted 26 times.*

5:17-26 – Why does Jesus heal the paralyzed man? (John 16:33)

5:36-39 – The Pharisees could not mix the old and the new covenant; and the new covenant era established by Jesus' arrival requires repentance (Matt. 4:17), regeneration (John 3:3), and new forms of worship (John 4:24).

6:12 – What does Jesus do before choosing His disciples? For how long? What hinders your endurance?

6:20-26 – After noting the blessings for those who obey God, Jesus presents warnings for those who do not. What do you make of the last *woe* mentioned in v.26? (*“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you...”*)

6:46-49 – How does Jesus describe the person who will listen to His teaching, but not obey His Word?

During the last “storm” to hit your life, what did you learn about your life's “foundation?” What “building blocks” do you need to add to your foundation? (Love, forgiveness, faith, wisdom, control of anger, perseverance, generosity...)

7:29-30 -Why did people react in different ways to the words of Jesus? What did their reactions say about their relationship with God?

8:4-15 - The Parable of the seed and different soils.

From this point on, Jesus speaks mostly in parables as a means of teaching. Why does Jesus teach in parables?

8:19-20 – “Jesus' Mother and Brothers” – This is clearly a mention of other sons born to Mary (after Jesus' birth), emphasizing the exact point that Jesus is making. This is the first mention of the word “*brother/s*” in Luke, and the word “*disciples*” is clearly used in the preceding chapters.

Some people consider it blasphemous to voice the implication that (The Virgin) Mary had sexual relations with her husband Joseph and conceived additional children after Jesus' Immaculate Conception. The Bible is very clear however that this is exactly what happened. (Matthew 1:24-25, Matthew 12:46, Matthew 13:55, John 7:3-5)

8:39 / 8:56 – Why the different instructions? (“*Go home and tell...*” / “*Tell no one...*”)