

Luke 8

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, the Lord Jesus continues to preach the good news to the people and show them His mercy. He heals many and demonstrates His power and authority over nature, sickness, the seen, and the unseen world. **Luke 8:1-15.** The Lord Jesus and His disciples traveled throughout the cities and villages, preaching the good news to the people. He speaks the parable of the sower to a great multitude. He tells us that the mysteries of the kingdom of God are given only to His disciples who have faith in their hearts. Then the Lord explains the parable to His disciples. **Luke 8:16-21.** The Lord Jesus speaks the parable of the lamp under a vessel or a bed. Then He tells us who His brothers and mother are. **Luke 8:22-25.** The Lord Jesus calms a great windstorm by rebuking the sea's wind and waves, showing that He has power and authority over nature. **Luke 8:26-39.** The Lord Jesus heals a man with demons and shows that He is the Lord not only of humans but also of the unseen world. **Luke 8:40-56.** The Lord Jesus heals a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years. The woman is healed just by touching the fringe of His garment. Then, He heals the daughter of Jairus, a synagogue ruler. The Lord can command by His word the spirit of this girl to come and join the soul and body, showing His power and authority over the seen and the unseen world.

¹ And it came to pass soon afterwards, that **He** journey city by city and village by village, preaching and **proclaiming** the good **news** of the kingdom of **God**, and with **Him** the twelve,

² and certain women who had been healed of **wicked** spirits and **sicknesses**: Mary **who** was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

Comments 8:2. The evil activity related to this verse will not happen again (See Comment Mark 5:1-13). After the Lord Jesus' Ascension to heaven, the Holy Spirit covers the whole earth; the evil spirit possessions, as this verse infers, no longer exist. But the evil spirits still have power when the human heart is seeking them. In those times, the human mind was seeking for help and felt that the Lord delayed working. They wanted sudden help, and the evil spirits had a chance to act their own power, a power that did not last long but was pleasing to the human mind.

³ and Joanna wife of **Chuja** Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who **were ministering** to them **out of** their **own means**.

Comments 8:3. See Comments Matthew 27:55-56.

⁴ And a great multitude **assembled**, and **those** of every city **gathered to Him**. **He spoke** by a parable:

Comments 8:4. For verses 4 to 10, see Comments Matthew 13:1-15 and Comments Mark 4:1-12.

⁵ The sower went **out** to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some **indeed** fell by the **wayside**; and it was **trampled underfoot**, and the birds of the heaven devoured it.

⁶ And **some** fell on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered, because it had no moisture.

⁷ And **some** fell **among** the thorns; and the thorns **having sprung up together**, the **thorns** choked it.

⁸ And **some** fell into the good **soil**, and **having sprung up**, **produced** fruit a hundredfold. As **He** said these things, **He** cried, He that **has** ears to hear, let him hear.

Comments 8:4-8. For this portion of Scripture, see Comparison Analysis Mark 4:1-9 as part of Comments Mark 4:1-9.

⁹ And **His** disciples asked **Him** what this parable **means**.

¹⁰ And **He** said, **To** you **has been** given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of **God**; but to the rest in parables; **so** that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

Comments 8:9-10. See Comments Matthew 13:10-16 and Comments Mark 4:10-12. Another way to look at this verse is to take it as it is written. For those who have faith in their hearts, when they read simple words that have been said, the words that are written will impact the heart in a different way. But for those who read to find mistakes, their darkened heart will not get the understanding. Even if they see what the word says,

they will never be able to understand; their hearts cannot link the word to the Lord because the darkness in their heart will be as a curtain covering their understanding.

¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of **God**.

Comments 8:11. For verses 11 to 15, see Comments Matthew 13:18-23 and Comments Mark 4:13-20.

¹² And those by the **wayside** are **those** that have heard; then **comes** the devil, and **takes** away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved.

¹³ And those on the rock are **those** who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who for a **time** believe, and in time of **testing** fall away.

¹⁴ And **those** that fell among the thorns, these are **those** that have heard, and as they go on their way are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and **do not mature**.

¹⁵ And **those into** the good **soil**, these are **those** in a **virtuous** and good heart, having heard the word, **keep** it, and bring forth fruit **by endurance**.

Comments 8:11-15. For the comments on understanding the parable, see Comment Matthew 13:18-23 and the Comparison Analysis Mark 4:13-20.

¹⁶ And no **one**, when **has** lighted a lamp, **covers** it with a vessel, or **puts** it under a bed; but **puts** it on a **lampstand**, **so** that **those** that enter in may see the light.

¹⁷ For nothing is **hidden**, **which will** not **become** manifest; nor **nothing is** secret, **which will** not be known and come to light.

Comments 8:16-17. For verses 16 and 17, see Comments Matthew 5:15-16, Comments Matthew 10:26 and Comments Mark 4:21-23. This parable has similarities with both parables of Matthew 5:15-16 and Mark 4:21-23.

¹⁸ Take heed therefore how **you** hear; for **whoever may have**, to him **will** be given; and **whoever may have** not, from him **will** be taken away even that which he **seems to have**.

Comments 8:18. See Comments Matthew 13:12.

¹⁹ And came to **Him**, **His** mother and **brothers**, and they **were not able to meet with Him** because of the crowd.

²⁰ And it was told **Him**, **Thy** mother and **Thy** brothers are standing outside, wishing to see **Thee**.

²¹ But **He** answered and said **to** them, **My** mother and **My** brothers are **those who** the word of God are **hearing and doing**.

Comments 8:19-21. For verses 19 to 21, see Comments Matthew 12:46-50 and Comments Mark 3:31-35. Each gospel records this event slightly differently, but all convey the same meaning. Here, think carefully: who were those who came to see the Lord? His entire earthly family, as the verse has told, the mother and siblings, which are the humans that relate to the beloved Son of God as a Man on earth, but the Lord also has told who His true family is.

“Standing outside.” Many people were surrounding the Lord, and His earthly family had been further away from Him. It was impossible for them to go through the crowd. They could only spread the word to the Lord that they were outside seeking to see Him.

²² **Then** it came to pass on one of those days, that **He** entered into a boat **with His** disciples; and **He** said **to** them, Let us go over **to** the other side of the lake. And they launched **out**.

Comments 8:22. For verses 22 to 25, see Comments Matthew 8:23-27 and Comments Mark 4:35-41. For comments on this portion of Scripture, see the verse-by-verse comparison analysis given in Comments Mark 4:35-41.

²³ **And** as they sailed, **He** fell asleep. And came down a **windstorm** on the lake; and they were filling with water and were in **peril**.

²⁴ **Then having come near** they awoke **Him**, saying, **Master, Master**, we are **perishing**. And **He** awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm.

²⁵ Then **He** said to them, Where is your faith? And being afraid they **marveled**, saying one to another, Who then is this, that **He commands** even the winds and the water, and they obey **Him**?

²⁶ And they arrived at the **region** of the Gerasenes, which is **opposite** Galilee.

Comments 8:26. For verses 26 to 39, see Comments Mark 5:1-20. The healing case described in Mark 5:1-20 is the same healing case as Luke 8:26-39 but not the same healing case as Matthew 8:28-34. Gerasenes here refers to a village name. There are some minor differences between the verses in Luke 8:26-39 and Mark 5:1-20, but the stories in both gospels are the same, and they complement each other; the meaning is the same in both gospels. This story shows that the Lord Jesus is not only the Lord of humans, but the Lord of the unseen world as well.

²⁷ Then when **He came out** upon the land, met a certain man out of the city, **having** demons, and for a long time **was not wearing** clothes, and **had not lived** in any house, but in the tombs.

²⁸ Then **having seen Jesus**, he cried out, and fell down before **Him**, and **in** a loud voice said, What **to me and to Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of the Most High God?** I **beg Thee**, torment me not.

Comments 8:28. “What to me and to Thee”. These demons are begging for mercy from the Lord Jesus, and have pity on them. This verse clearly shows that the unseen world knows who the Lord Jesus is, and they fear Him.

²⁹ For **He** was commanding the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For **many** times it had seized him, and he **was bound being** kept with chains and **shackles**; and breaking the **bonds apart**, he was driven **by** the demon into the **deserts**.

³⁰ And **Jesus** asked him, What is **your** name? And he said, Legion; for many demons were entered into him.

³¹ And they **begged Him** that **He** would not command them to **go away** into the abyss.

³² Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain, and they **begged Him** that **He** would **allow** them to enter into them. And **He allowed** them.

³³ And the demons came out from the man, and entered into the swine, and rushed the herd down the steep **bank** into the lake, and were drowned.

³⁴ And when **the herdsmen** saw what had come to pass, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country.

³⁵ Then they went out to see what **took place**; and they came to **Jesus**, and found the man, from whom the demons **had** gone out, sitting, clothed and in his right mind, at the feet of **Jesus**. And they were afraid.

³⁶ Then **those** that saw told them how he that was possessed with demons was **healed**.

³⁷ And all the **multitude** of the **region around** Gerasenes asked **Him** to depart from them, for they were **held** with great fear. And **He** entered into **the** boat and returned.

³⁸ But the man from whom the demons **had** gone out **begged Him to go with Him**. But **He** sent him away, saying,

³⁹ Return to **your family**, and declare **all that God has** done for **you**. And he **departed**, **proclaiming** throughout the whole city **all that Jesus** had done for him.

⁴⁰ Then as **Jesus** returned, the multitude welcomed **Him**; for they were all waiting for **Him**.

Comments 8:40. For verses 40 to 56, see Comments Matthew 9:18-26 and Comments Mark 5:22-43. For this portion of Scripture, see Comparison Analysis in Comments Mark 5:21-43.

⁴¹ And behold, came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue, and he fell at the feet of **Jesus**, and **begged Him** to come into his house;

⁴² for an only daughter **was to him**, about twelve years, and she was dying. But as **He** went the multitudes **were pressing around Him**.

⁴³ And a woman **being with a flux** of blood **for** twelve years, who had spent all her living **on** physicians, and could not be healed **by anyone**,

Comments 8:43. “Who had spent all her living on physicians.” This portion of the verse is part of the original gospel.

⁴⁴ **having come** behind, touched the **fringe** of **His** tunic, and immediately the **flux** of her blood **stopped**.

⁴⁵ And **Jesus** said, Who **was** that touched **Me**? And all denied; Peter said, **Master**, the **people surround You** and press in and **You** say, Who was that touched **Me**?

Comments 8:44. The second part of the verse should be translated as “Peter said, Master, the people surround You and press in, and You say, Who was that touched Me?” instead of “Peter said, Master, the people press Thee and crush Thee.”

⁴⁶ But **Jesus** said, **Someone touched Me**; for **I know** that power had gone **out** from **Me**.

⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not **hidden**, she came trembling, and falling down before **Him** declared in the presence of all the people for what cause she touched **Him**, and how she was healed immediately.

⁴⁸ And **He** said **to** her, Daughter, **your faith has made you whole**; go in peace.

Comments 8:43-48. For this portion of Scripture, see Comparison Analysis in Comments Mark 5:25-34.

⁴⁹ While **He** yet **spoke**, **came** one from the synagogue **ruler**, saying, **Your daughter is dead**; trouble not the **Teacher**.

⁵⁰ But **Jesus** hearing it, answered him, Fear not; only believe, and she **will** be made whole.

⁵¹ And when **He** came to the house, **He allowed no one** to enter in with **Him**, **except** Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the **child** and **the** mother.

⁵² And all were weeping and **mourning for** her. But **He** said, Weep not; for she is not dead, but **sleeps**.

⁵³ And they laughed **at Him**, knowing that she was dead.

⁵⁴ But **He**, taking **hold of** her hand, **cried**, saying, **Child, arise!**

⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she **arose** immediately; and **He gave order to give her** to eat.

⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed; but **He commanded** them to tell no **one** what had **happened**.

Comments 8:49-56. For verses 40 to 42 and 49 to 56, see Comparison Analysis in Comments Mark 5:21-43.

Life and Faith Applications. 1) Tell others about the mercy and the grace of the Lord that has been shown to you and sow the seed of trust in the Lord in their hearts. 2) Read and listen to the Bible, and believe in the Word of God by hearing, as the woman in this chapter did and was healed. 3) Keep yourself away from evil influence by reading and meditating on the Word of the Lord. Furthermore, always pray and beg for mercy for your life. 4) Be confident that the Lord has power and authority over the seen and unseen world and always protects us.