



EPISODE 7
On the Sea of Galilee
Luke 8-9:50
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PRELUDE: Jesus, the Fishermen and the Net (Luke 5:1–11, Matthew 13:47-50)

THE SEA OF GALILEE

The Sea of Galilee is 13 miles long, 8 miles wide at its northern end, 100–150 feet deep, 33 miles in circumference, and almost 700 feet below sea level. In the Bible it is called the Sea of Chinneroth/Kinnereth (Num. 34:11; Deut. 3:17; Josh. 13:27; 19:35), the Lake of Gennesaret (Luke 5:1), the Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1), and the Sea of Galilee (Matt. 4:18; 15:29; Mark 1:16; 7:31; John 6:1).

- Luke 5:4–11; John 21:6–8—The Sea of Galilee yielded two large catches of fish in response to the command of Christ.
- Matthew 8:1–4—Jesus healed a leper near the Sea of Galilee as He came down from a mountain on His way to Capernaum.
- Matthew 8:23–27; Mark 4:35–41; Luke 8:22–25—Jesus stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee.
- Matthew 8:28–34; Mark 5:1–21; Luke 8:26–39—Demons, cast out of the demoniac by Christ, entered two thousand swine, which plunged into the Sea of Galilee from a steep bank on the eastern shore.
- Matthew 14:22–33; Mark 6:45–52; John 6:16–21—Jesus walked on the water to the disciples who were struggling in their boat.
- John 21—Jesus met the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after His resurrection.”

LUKE 8

I. Women accompanying Jesus (8:1–3)

II. Jesus teaches in parables (8:4–21)

a. The parable of the *sower, seed, and soil* (8:4–15)

i. Information in this parable (8:4–8): A farmer sows seed on four kinds of soil, producing four different results.

1. Roadside soil (8:4–5): This seed is devoured by the birds.
2. Shallow, rocky soil (8:6): This seed springs up, but soon withers for lack of moisture.

3. Thorn-infested soil (8:7): This seed is quickly choked by the thorns.
4. Fertile soil (8:8): This seed produces one hundred times as much as had been planted.
- ii. Interpretation of this parable (8:11–15)
 1. Roadside soil (8:11–12): This represents those who hear but do not heed, thus allowing Satan to steal it from them.
 2. Shallow, rocky soil (8:13): This represents those who have no depth, causing them to fall away in the hour of testing.
 3. Thorn-infested soil (8:14): This represents those who allow life's worries, riches, and pleasures to choke the seed.
 4. Fertile soil (8:15): This represents those who both hear and heed, thus producing an abundant crop.
- iii. The intention behind this parable (8:9–10)

III. **The parable of the lamp stand (8:16–18)**

- a. Its light reveals all things in the house (8:16).
- b. Someday God's light will reveal all things in our heart (8:17–18).

IV. **The Family of Jesus (8:1–3, 19–21)**

- a. *His Family of Origin* (8:19–20): This is a reference to Jesus' mother and brothers.
- b. *His Family of Faith* (8:1–3, 21): This is a reference to all who hear and obey God's Word.
- c. God is broadening his family

V. **Jesus, Lord of nature, demons, disease, and death (8:22–56)**

- a. The Calming of the Storm (8:22–25)
 - i. A severe squall threatens to sink the disciples' boat on the Sea of Galilee. (8:22–23)
 - ii. In desperation they cry out for Jesus to save them. (8:24a)
- b. Jesus orders the winds and water to subside. (8:24b–25)
 - i. *Jesus Rebukes the Disciples* (8:24b–25a): "Where is your faith?"
 - ii. *Their response* (8:25b): "Who is this man?"

VI. **Jesus frees a demon-possessed man (8:26–39).**

- a. *The Gadarene demoniac, controlled by demons* (8:26–28, 29b–33)
- b. What they did to the demoniac (8:27, 29b)
 - i. He is living naked among the tombs (8:27).
 - ii. He is violent and cannot be chained (8:29b).
- c. The Demons and the Messiah (8:28, 30–33)
 - i. Their recognition (8:28): The demons recognize Jesus as God's Son!
 - ii. The demons panic (8:30–31): They beg him not to send them into the Bottomless Pit.
 - iii. The demons beg Jesus to send them into a nearby herd of pigs. Jesus does, resulting in the death of the pigs by drowning! (8:32–33)
 - iv. The restored man sits at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind! (8:34–37)
 - v. Jesus commissions him on his way to "tell ... all the wonderful things God has done for you." (8:38–39)

VII. **Jesus raises a dead girl (8:40–42, 49–56).**

- a. *Jairus' request to Jesus* (8:40–42): Jairus begs the Savior to come and heal his dying daughter.
- b. Interlude—Jesus restores a sick woman (8:43–48).

- i. *Her condition* (8:43): She has been slowly bleeding for twelve years.
- ii. *Her determination* (8:44a): Fighting the crowd, she touches the edge of Jesus' cloak.
- iii. *She is healed and sent on her way by the Savior.* (8:44b–48)
- c. Jairus learns that his daughter has died, but Jesus promises that she will be all right. (8:49–50):
- d. The crowd laughs at him for saying the girl will be healed. (8:52–53)
- e. *Jesus raises the girl from the dead* (8:54–56).

LUKE 9

- I. **Jesus, the source of authority** (9:1–9)
 - a. *The men he empowers* (9:1–6) - The twelve apostles.
 - b. The instructions (9:1–6)
 - i. Heal all diseases, and cast out demons (9:1b).
 - ii. Preach God's Kingdom (9:2).
 - iii. Travel fast and light (9:3–6): Don't take a walking stick, a bag, food, or money.
 - c. *The misunderstanding he encounters* (9:7–9): At first Herod Antipas thinks Jesus is a reincarnation of John the Baptist!
- II. **Loaves and Fishes: Jesus feeds the 5000** (9:10–17)
- III. **Jesus, the Son of God** (9:18–27)
 - a. Jesus asks the disciples who people say that he is. (9:18)
 - b. They reply that some think he is John the Baptist, Elijah, etc. (9:19)
 - c. Peter says, however, that the disciples know that "He is the Christ, the son of the living God." (9:20)
 - d. *The Messianic Secret:* He then warns them not to tell anyone of this. (9:21)
- IV. **His First Passion Prediction**
 - a. *The rejection and resurrection* (9:22–23): Jesus predicts Calvary and the empty tomb!
 - b. He speaks of the cost of true discipleship. (9:24–26)
 - c. He predicts his second coming. (9:27)
- V. **The TRANSFIGURATION** (9:28–36)
 - a. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with him to the top of a mountain. (9:28)
 - b. The splendor of the Messiah (9:29): His face shines, and his clothes become dazzling white and blaze with light.
 - c. The appearance of Israel's heroes (9:30–32): Moses and Elijah now appear, also in glorious splendor.
 - d. Peter the spokesman suggests they build three shelters—one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. (9:33)
 - e. From a cloud (*shekinah*), they hear the Father's voice, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." (9:34–36)
- VI. **Jesus and a desperate father** (9:37–42)
 - a. *The victims* (9:37–40)
 - i. Heartbroken father (9:37–38): He begs Jesus to help his son.
 - ii. Helpless son (9:39): He is possessed by a vicious demon.
 - iii. Hopeless disciples (9:40): They cannot drive the demon out.
 - b. *The victor* (9:41–42): Jesus rebukes the demon and heals the boy.

- VII. **Jesus and the twelve disciples (9:43–50)**
- a. Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. (9:43–45)
 - b. Spiritual *greatness* (9:46–48)
 - i. The Child (9:46–47): He stands a little child before him.
 - ii. Application (9:48): He says the one who welcomes a child on his behalf welcomes both the Father and Son and is therefore the greatest among men!
 - c. On *Sectarianism* (9:49–50).
 - i. John says that the disciples tried to keep a man who wasn't in their group from casting out demons. (9:49).
 - ii. Jesus to John (9:50): "Don't stop him! Anyone who is not against you is for you."