

## **Lesson 12 Luke 8:40-9:36 A Girl raised to life, A Healing, Feeding 5000, Transfiguration**

Luke uses an unusual style in this lesson. He interweaves two stories. The story of the woman with a hemorrhage (8:45-48) is framed by the two parts of the story of the healing of Jairus' daughter. Both of these stories are stories that reveal Jesus' power to heal and/or raise from the dead. But notice what is said about faith in these two stories as well. Jesus' power over nature is revealed in the feeding of the 5000. Also, in this lesson, we have first Herod and then Peter trying to understand who Jesus really is. The Transfiguration makes it clear that Jesus is the Son of God. Woven in between the stories of Loaves and Fishes, Herod, Peter and the Transfiguration is the sending out of the disciples and a discussion of what it means to be a disciple.

### **1. Read Luke 8:40-56 and footnotes. What was Jairus' position in the community? What does the way he approaches Jesus say about him?**

**Luke 8:40-56**<sup>4</sup> When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. <sup>41</sup> And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. ***He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house,*** <sup>42</sup> because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. <sup>43</sup> And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who [had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and] was unable to be cured by anyone, <sup>44</sup> came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. <sup>45</sup> Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." <sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." <sup>47</sup> When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. <sup>48</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace."

<sup>49</sup> While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." <sup>50</sup> On hearing this, Jesus answered him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved." <sup>51</sup> When he arrived at the house, he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child's father and mother. <sup>52</sup> All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, "Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping." <sup>53</sup> And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But he took her by the hand and called to her, "Child, arise!" <sup>55</sup> Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. <sup>56</sup> Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

### **2. Imagine you were a member of Jairus' synagogue in the first century. What would you think if you saw one of your leaders throw himself at Jesus' feet and beg him for help? What role does faith play in the healing of Jairus' daughter?**

### **3. Read again Luke 8:43-48 and Leviticus 15:25-28. Why did the woman try to keep her identity a secret? What role does faith have in this healing?**

**Leviticus 15:25-28** <sup>25</sup> "When a woman has a discharge of blood for many days at a time other than her monthly period or has a discharge that continues beyond her period, she will be unclean as long as she has the discharge, just as in the days of her period. <sup>26</sup> Any bed she lies on while her discharge continues will be unclean, as is her bed during her monthly period, and anything she sits on will be unclean, as during her period. <sup>27</sup> Anyone who touches them will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean till evening. <sup>28</sup> "When she is cleansed from her

discharge, she must count off seven days, and after that she will be ceremonially clean. <sup>29</sup> On the eighth day she must take two doves or two young pigeons and bring them to the priest at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>30</sup> The priest is to sacrifice one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. In this way he will make atonement for her before the LORD for the uncleanness of her discharge.

#### **4. Reflection. Why do you think Jesus made the woman come forward?**

#### **5. Read Luke 9:1-6, 9:22-27 and footnotes. How do verses 1-6 represent a change in Jesus' ministry? What is Jesus asking the Twelve to do?**

**Luke 9:1-6** <sup>1</sup> He summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal [the sick]. <sup>3</sup> He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. <sup>4</sup> Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. <sup>5</sup> And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them." <sup>6</sup> Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

**Luke 9:22-27** <sup>22</sup> He said, "*The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.*" <sup>23</sup> Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> *For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.* <sup>25</sup> *What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?* <sup>26</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

#### **7. What is the meaning of Jesus' words in 9:24-25?**

#### **8. Read Luke 9:7-9 and 9:18-21. How does Peter's understanding of Jesus differ from Herod's? What is similar about these two narratives?**

#### **9. Read Luke 9:10-17. Why do you think Jesus said, "You give them something to eat?" How is this story a foreshadowing of the Eucharist?**

#### **10. Read Luke 9:28-36. What do Moses and Elijah represent for the people of Israel? What does the voice of God reveal about who Jesus really is? Who hears the voice of God this time?**