

# The Gospel of Luke

*a verse-by-verse study*

## Session 7

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# The Galilean Ministry

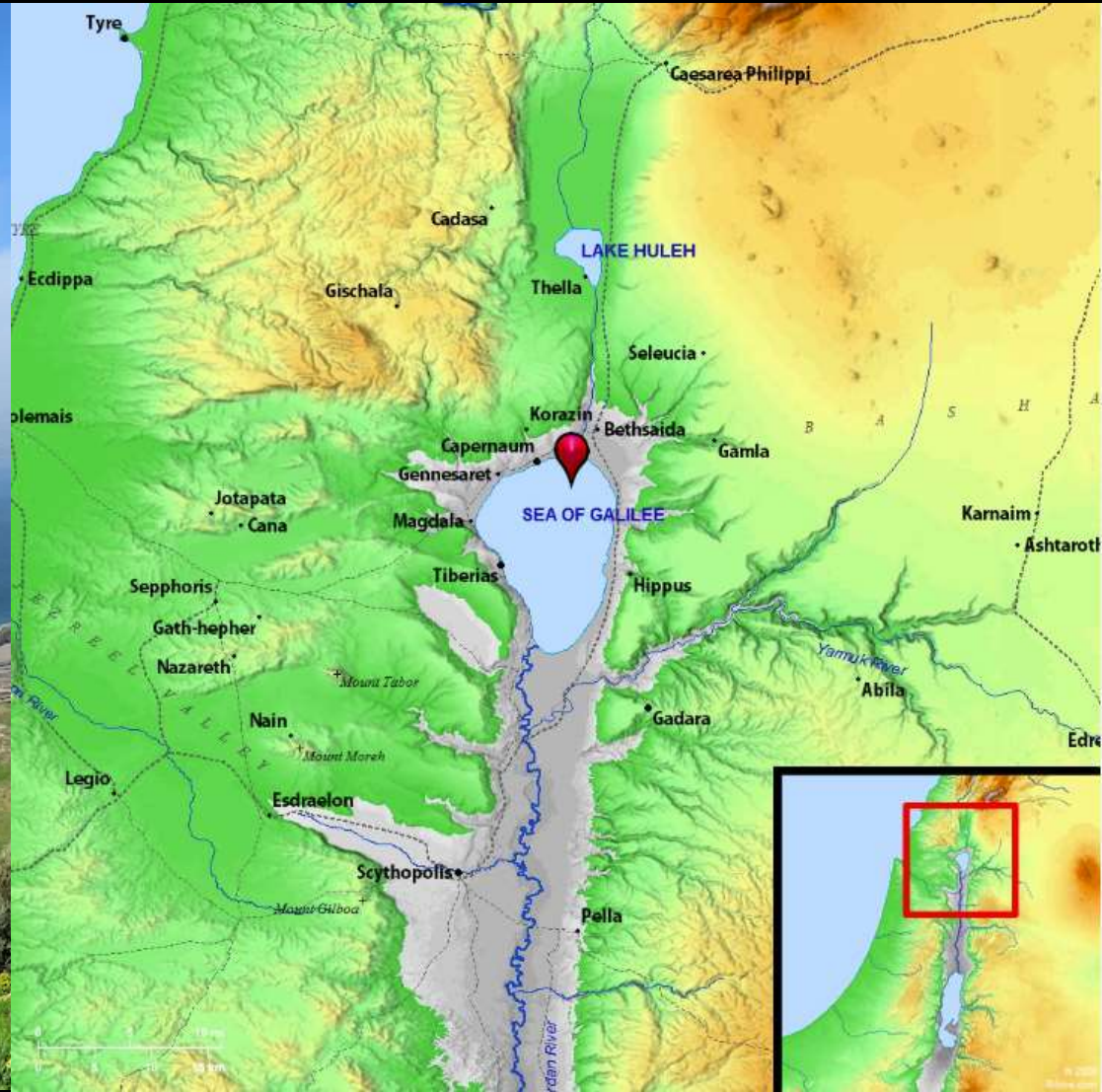
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- In this chapter Jesus demonstrates His authority as announced at the synagogue in Nazareth
  - quoting from Isaiah

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<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

<sup>2</sup> And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

<sup>3</sup> And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

**Luke 5:1-3**

- There is a natural curiosity to hear the Word of God
  - But it can quickly turn to indignation when we find it speaking directly to us!
- Indifference > Curious > Cut asunder > Decision > Eternity!



# The 'Jesus Boat'



- Discovered and restored in 1986





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4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

**Luke 5:4-6**



7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink

**Luke 5:7**

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# A Test Of Faithfulness

*“It is only the loyal soul who believes that God engineers circumstances. We take such liberties with our circumstances, we do not believe God engineers them, although we say we do; we treat the things that happen as if they were engineered by men. To be faithful in every circumstance means that we have only one loyalty, and that is to our Lord.*”

# A Test Of Faithfulness

*“Suddenly God breaks up a particular set of circumstances, and the realisation comes that we have been disloyal to Him by not recognising that He had organised them. We never saw what He was after, and that particular thing will never be repeated all the days of our life. The test of loyalty always comes just there. If we learn to worship God in the trying circumstances, He will alter them in two seconds when He chooses.”*

- Oswald Chambers



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8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken

**Luke 5:8-9**

<sup>10</sup> And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

<sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

**Luke 5:10-11**

- *“If you abandon everything to Jesus, and come when He says, “Come,” then He will continue to say, “Come,” through you. You will go out into the world reproducing the echo of Christ’s “Come.” That is the result in every soul who has abandoned all and come to Jesus. Have I come to Him? Will I come now?”* - Oswald Chambers



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**12** And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

**13** And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

**14** And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, **for a testimony** unto them.

**Luke 5:12-14**

- See Leviticus 13-14

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<sup>15</sup> But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

**Luke 5:15**

- Once again, this fulfills the promise in Isaiah 61:1-2
- Why did Jesus not want to be made known?
- ‘He know what was in man’ – John 2:25
- By meeting man’s physical and material needs, they were bound to ‘accept’ Him and make Him their King!
- But this was not the way...
- ...nor the time!

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16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

**Luke 5:16**

*“You have this same narrative in the ninth chapter of Matthew, and in the second chapter of Mark. What is three times recorded by inspired pens must be regarded as trebly important, and well worthy of our earnest consideration. Observe the instructive fact, that our Savior retired and spent a special time in prayer when he saw unusual crowd assembling. He withdrew into the wilderness to hold communion with his Father, and, as a consequence, to come forth clothed with an abundance of healing and saving power. Not but that in himself as God he always had that power without measure; but for our sakes he did it, that we might learn that the power of God will only rest upon us in proportion as we draw near to God. Neglect of private prayer is the locust which devours the strength of the church”. - Charles Spurgeon*

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**17** And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

**18** And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

**19** And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus

**Luke 5:17-19**

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

**Luke 5:20-22**

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

**Luke 5:23-25**

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

**Luke 5:26**

- Consider:
  - 1) The faith and determination of the four friends
  - 2) The connection between sin and sickness
  - 3) What this tells us about the Messiah (all who come to Him...)
  - 4) The blindness of those who do not want to believe!
  - 5) The power of Messiah to heal and forgive sin



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27 And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

**Luke 5:27-29**

- **Matthew: collector of public taxes for the Roman Empire**
  - He would have been considered an outcast by the Jewish leadership
- **Accepted by Jesus!**

30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

**Luke 5:30-32**

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33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?

35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days

**Luke 5:33-35**

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36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

**Luke 5:36-39**

# New Wine

*“Now He is talking about the old religious systems that He was coming up against. He is bringing a new breath of air into the religious scene that had become so stodgy that no one could hardly stand it. Now, rather than coming in to reform that system, putting the new cloth in the old garment, or putting the new wine in the old skins, He is developing a whole new skin for this new work of God.*



# New Wine

*“Now those who are used to the old traditional ways are always upset when something new comes along. They say, “Oh, the old is better.” And we see this demonstrated so often. New ideas, new thoughts are so often immediately rejected. People get caught in their old traditional ways, and they get upset if anything should come along. Well, the old wineskins burst..”*

**- Chuck Smith**

# New Wine

*“I have observed in the history of the church how many times when God wanted to do a fresh work upon the earth, He had to go outside of the organized systems. Because the old skin couldn't handle the new wine.”*

- Chuck Smith

- Are you willing to be made new, to die to the old, so that Jesus can put new wine in you?

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