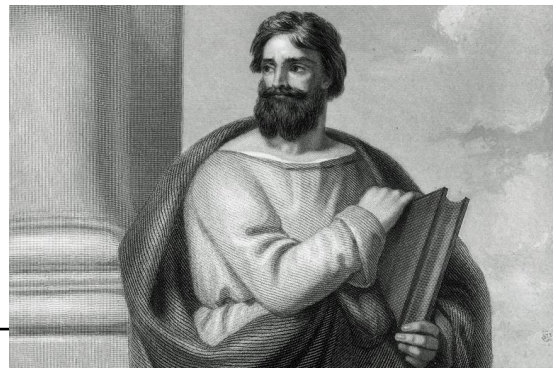


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



LUKE 8 : 1 - 25

JESUS' PREACHING TOUR & FOLLOWERS

- As Jesus traveled from city to village, what did He preach?
 - What sorts of things do you suppose were included in His preaching the kingdom of God?
- Who came along?
 - Who are "the twelve"?
 - Who else is part of Jesus' entourage?
 - What background do these women have in common?
 - What were they doing for Jesus?
 - Was this important to Jesus ministry
 - Is there a lesson here?

PARABLES FOR THE CROWDS (VV. 4-15)

- What is the first reason (v. 4) given for Jesus starting to speak in parables?
 - What reason did Jesus give for telling the parables later? (v. 10)

- What did Jesus mean, when He said, "...but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may no see, and hearing they may not understand"? Explain.
- Did the disciples understand the parable at first?
 - What does the seed represent? (see 11-15)
 - What do the soils represent?
 - The road
 - The rocky soil
 - The thorny soil
 - The good soil
 - Who is the sower?
 - What is the meaning of the sower?
 - What's the meaning of "bear fruit with perseverance"?

THE PARABLE OF THE LAMP (VV. 16-18)

- What is the usual way that we have understood the parable of the lamp, as in Matt. 5:15?
 - Reading vv. 16-18 along with the context (especially v. 10) what does this parable of the lamp mean?

- What does he mean when Jesus says, “Take care how you listen.”
 - How can we listen well?
 - How can we listen poorly?
- What does Jesus mean by “whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he think he has shall be taken away from him”?
 - Is this unfair?
 - Whose fault is it?

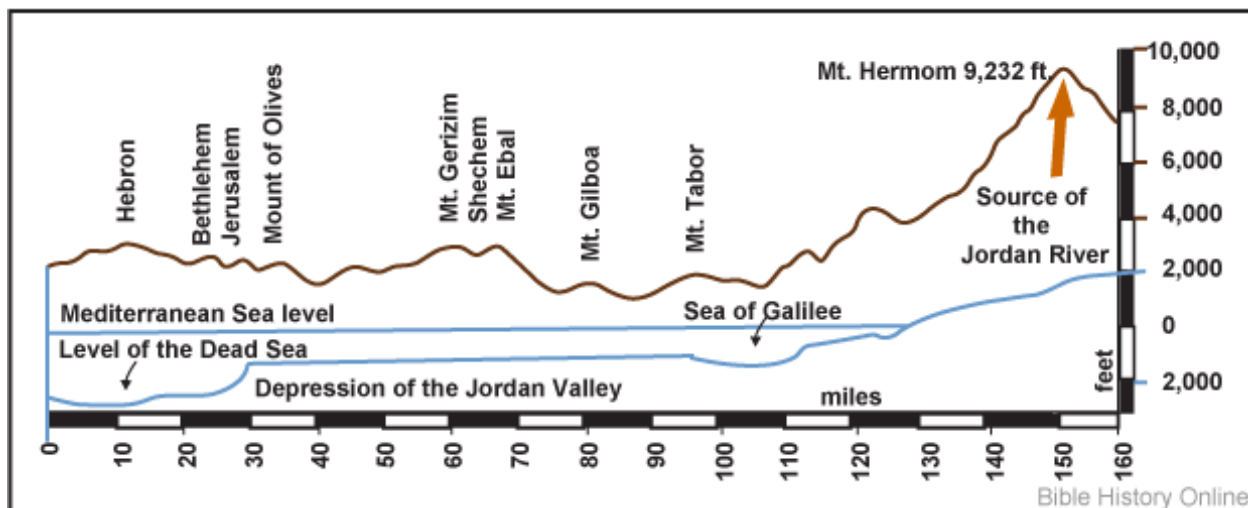
MOTHERS AND BROTHERS (VV. 18-21)

- How crowded must things have been in Jesus’ ministry, when His family couldn’t get to Him?
- What do you think Jesus’ mother and brother might have thought about Jesus’ response? (What would you think?)
 - Did Jesus not care about His physical family?
 - How do you know?
 - Why is this story told here (and in other Gospels)?
 - What do you think was going on?
 - Does this teach us anything?

JESUS STILLS A STORM ON GALILEE (VV. 22-25)

- How busy was Jesus’ ministry?
 - How crowded were things?

- What was He doing?



- How does the terrain around Galilee effect the weather on Galilee?
- How tired would Jesus need to be to fall asleep in a rocking boat, with rain, and waves breaking over the side of the boat?
- Who got in the boat?
 - Do you suppose that the women were with them?
 - How crowded was the boat?
- Who woke Jesus up?
- What did they say?
- What was Jesus' reaction?
- What was Jesus' rebuke?
 - In what way did their faith fail?
- What was the disciples' reaction to this miracle?