

JESUS CHRIST
SON OF MAN
RULES OF THE KINGDOM

23. THE CARE OF JESUS IN THE MILLENNIUM

- a. LUKE 8:1-3 AFTER THIS, JESUS TRAVELED ABOUT FROM ONE TOWN AND VILLAGE TO ANOTHER, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THE TWELVE WERE WITH HIM, ²AND ALSO SOME WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN CURED OF EVIL SPIRITS AND DISEASES: MARY (CALLED MAGDALENE) FROM WHOM SEVEN DEMONS HAD COME OUT; ³JOANNA THE WIFE OF CUZA, THE MANAGER OF HEROD'S HOUSEHOLD; SUSANNA; AND MANY OTHERS. THESE WOMEN WERE HELPING TO SUPPORT THEM OUT OF THEIR OWN MEANS.
 - I. TOWN AND VILLAGE - JESUS - IN THE MILLENNIUM HIS REPRESENTATIVE - WILL BE IN EVERY VILLAGE AND TOWN.
 - II. THERE MESSAGE - THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD
 - III. TWELVE IN SCRIPTURE SPEAKS OF UNIVERSAL- GOVERNMENT - HIS GOVERNMENT IS WITH HIM.
 - IV. THE CARE OF JESUS IS LEFT UP TO WHOM?
 - (1) THIS SHOWS HOW MUCH JESUS GAVE UP TO COME TO US.
 - V. HOW IS THIS GROUP SUPPORTED?
 - (1) DOES IT SOUND LIKE TODAY?
 - (2) HOW SHOULD THE WORK OF GOD BE PAID FOR TODAY?

24. PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- A. **LUKE 8:4-8** WHILE A LARGE CROWD WAS GATHERING AND PEOPLE WERE COMING TO JESUS FROM TOWN AFTER TOWN, HE TOLD THIS PARABLE: ⁵"A FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. AS HE WAS SCATTERING THE SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH; IT WAS TRAMPLED ON, AND THE BIRDS OF THE AIR ATE IT UP. ⁶SOME FELL ON ROCK, AND WHEN IT CAME UP, THE PLANTS WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO MOISTURE. ⁷OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS, WHICH GREW UP WITH IT AND CHOKED THE PLANTS. ⁸STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL. IT CAME UP AND YIELDED A CROP, A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN WAS SOWN." WHEN HE SAID THIS, HE CALLED OUT, "HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR.

I.

PARABLE	COMPARISON	Mark 4:30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?"
	FIGURE	Hebrews 9:9 This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. Hebrews 11:19 Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

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	PROVERB	Luke 4:23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' "
	ILLUSTRATION	Matthew 13:3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. Matthew 13:13 This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

II. THEY ILLUSTRATE TRUTH AND MAKE IT CLEAR BY COMPARISON WITH SOMETHING THAT IS ALREADY KNOW, [FAMILIAR]

III. THEY IMPORT INSTRUCTIONS AND REBUKE WITHOUT CAUSING OFFENSE

- (1) **2 SAMUEL 12:1-3** THE LORD SENT NATHAN TO DAVID. WHEN HE CAME TO HIM, HE SAID, "THERE WERE TWO MEN IN A CERTAIN TOWN, ONE RICH AND THE OTHER POOR. ²THE RICH MAN HAD A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF SHEEP AND CATTLE, ³BUT THE POOR MAN HAD NOTHING EXCEPT ONE LITTLE EWE LAMB HE HAD BOUGHT. HE RAISED IT, AND IT GREW UP WITH HIM AND HIS CHILDREN. IT SHARED HIS FOOD, DRANK FROM HIS CUP AND EVEN SLEPT IN HIS ARMS. IT WAS LIKE A DAUGHTER TO HIM.

27. PARABLE OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE - TRUTH AND LIGHT CANNOT NOT BE HIDDEN

- a. **Luke 8:16-18** "No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. ¹⁷For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. ¹⁸Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him."

I. SOME OF THE TRUTH AND LIGHT OF THIS KINGDOM

(1) THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN TOLD TO DO!

(A) TAKE THE YOKE OF CHRIST

- (i) **Matthew 11:29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls

(B) TAKE UP THE CROSS DAILY

- (i) **Luke 9:23** Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

(C) TAKE NO THOUGHT FOR LIFE

- (i) **Matthew 6:25** "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

(D) TAKE NO THOUGHT FOR CLOTHES

- (i) **Matthew 6:31** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

(E) TAKE COMMUNION

- (i) **1 Corinthians 11:24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

(2) THE LIGHT OF THE KINGDOM

(A) LIGHT BRINGS THE KINGDOM

- (i) **Matthew 4:16** the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land

of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

(B) USED BY GOD THE FATHER

- (i) **1 Timothy 6:16** who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.
- (ii) **1 John 1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

(C) USED BY JESUS THE CHRIST

- (i) **John 1:4-10** In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ⁶There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

(D) THE LIGHT IS FOR US

- (i) **Ephesians . 5:8** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light
- (ii) **1 Timothy 6:16** who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.
- (iii) **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
- (iv) **Revelations 21:24** The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.
- (v) **Revelations 22:5** There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

THE LIGHT IS THE WORD [JESUS] REVEALED TO US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE FARMER [GOD THE FATHER]. THE MORE WE WANT AND DESIRE OF HIM THE MORE WE WILL RECEIVE.

28. THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH JESUS

- A. **Luke 8:19-21** Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. ²⁰Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." ²¹He replied, "**My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice.**"

I. THE RELATIONSHIP IS NOT BASED ON RACE.

- (1) **Colossians 3:11** Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

II. NOT BASED UPON FAMILY

- (1) **Luke 20:34-35** Jesus replied, "**The people of this age marry and are given in marriage.**" ³⁵But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage,

iii. The relationship based only on HEARING AND DOING

29. JESUS REBUKES THE STORM - OR TO WHAT EXTENT SHOULD WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

- a. **Luke 8:22-25** One day Jesus said to his disciples, "**Let's go over to the other side of the lake.**" So they got into a boat and set out. ²³As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. ²⁴The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵"**Where is your faith?**" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

I. ONE DAY

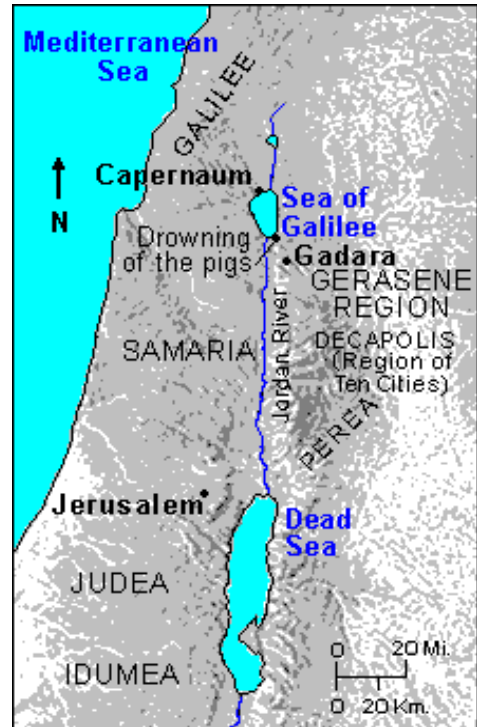
- (1) THIS IS NOT A PARABLE, IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED.

- II. WHAT DID JESUS SAY?
- III. WHAT DID JESUS EXPECT TO HAPPEN?
- IV. AGAIN - HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO WHAT HAS JUST BEEN PRESENTED?
 - (1) UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER BUT IN ORDER OF TRUTH.
- V. IN MY OLD KING JAMES BIBLE IT SAYS “GREAT” STORM & “GREAT” FEAR.
 - (1) WHO WERE SOME THE MEN IN THE BOAT?
 - (A) PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN
 - (I) WHAT DID THEY DO FOR A LIVING?
 - (II) WERE THEY EVER ON THIS LAKE BEFORE?
 - (III) HAD THEY EVER FACED A STORM?
- VI. SO WHAT IS HAPPENING?
 - (1) SATAN IS ONCE AGAIN, WHILE JESUS IS ASLEEP, ATTEMPTING TO TAKE HIS LIFE BEFORE THE CROSS.
 - (a) **Ephesians 2:2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
 - (I) JESUS WOULD NOT HAVE REBUKED THE WORK OF THE FATHER, BUT HE REBUKED THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE AIR.
- VII. YOU AND I MUST EXPECT OPPOSITION WHEN WE ARE DOING THE WORK OF GOD. THE COMMAND IS VERY CLEAR TO HIS DISCIPLES. “GO TO THE OTHER SIDE”. YOU AND I WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOD THAT ARE JUST AS CLEAR. WE WILL HAVE OPPOSITION. WE MUST HAVE “EYES” TO “SEE” WHERE THAT OPPOSITION IS COMING FROM.
 - (1) WE MUST NOT TAKE OUR EYES OFF OF THE TASK SET BEFORE US. WE CANNOT BE DISTRACTED BY THE STORM.
- VIII. THE QUESTION THAT JESUS ASKS, “WHERE IS YOUR FAITH”
 - (1) THESE SAILORS PROBABLY PUT THEIR FAITH IN THEIR ABILITY TO OVERCOME THE STORM.
 - (2) BUT THE WORD HAS MANY ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION. WHEN THE STORM COMES WHICH ANSWER WILL WE USE?
 - (a) **Matthew 17:20** He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
 - (b) **Matthew 21:22** If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."
 - (c) **Mark 9:23** " 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "**Everything is possible for him who believes.**"
 - (d) **Mark 11:22-24** "**Have faith in God,**" Jesus answered. ²³"**I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.** ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
 - (e) **Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
 - (f) **James 1:5-8** If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

30. JESUS DEALS WITH THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

- a. **Luke 8:26-39** They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet,

shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" ²⁹For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. ³⁰Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. ³²A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. ³³When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him



B. CROSSING OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE.

I. PIG EATERS. - LAW BREAKERS

- (1) **Leviticus 11:7** And the pig, though it has a split hoof completely divided, does not chew the cud; it is unclean for you.
- (2) **Deuteronomy 14:8** The pig is also unclean; although it has a split hoof, it does not chew the cud. You are not to eat their meat or touch their carcasses.

II. FALLING INTO APOSTASY AND BREAKING THE LAW

- (1) **Isaiah 65:4** who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat;
- (2) **Isaiah 66:17** "Those who consecrate and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following the one in the midst of those who eat the flesh of pigs and rats and other abominable things--they will meet their end together," declares the LORD.

III. AGAINST THE LAW OF GOD - BUT USED IN SACRIFICE - HOW GOD VIEWS THE HYPOCRITES IN THEIR RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

- (1) **Isaiah 66:1-3** This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? ²Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. ³But whoever sacrifices a bull is like one who kills a man, and whoever offers a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; whoever makes a grain offering is like one who presents pig's blood, and whoever burns memorial incense, like one who worships an idol. They have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations;

C. DEFEATING SATAN

I. AS YOU SAW ABOVE SATAN DID NOT WANT JESUS ON THIS SIDE OF THE LAKE.

II. WHEN YOU DO BATTLE WITH SATAN YOU NEED TO KNOW.

(1) JEHOVAH YOUR ELOHIM IS WITH YOU

- (a) **Deuteronomy 20:1** When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.

(2) THE GOD THAT BROUGHT ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT BY MIGHTY MIRACLES IS WITH YOU.

(3) HE WILL GO WITH YOU.

(a) **Deuteronomy 20:4** For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

(4) HE WILL FIGHT FOR YOU.

(5) HE WILL SAVE YOU FROM DEFEAT.

D. WE WOULD BE WRONG TO NOT REALIZE THAT WE ARE IN A WARFARE.

i. **1 Samuel 28:1** In those days the Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, "You must understand that you and your men will accompany me in the army."

ii. **Isaiah 40:2** Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

iii. **1 Corinthians 9:7** Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk?

iv. **2 Corinthians 10:4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

v. **1 Timothy 1:18** Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight,

e. Jesus Fights the fight for one soul - He wins.

f. We must take a look at the big picture.

i. One man is waiting to be healed.

ii. Others respond to Jesus in fear.

iii. Many ask Him to leave because of His POWER.

(1) Note that God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit does not stay around where they are not wanted.

(a) We sing, "Thou are welcomed in this place"

(i) Always let it be true.

g. Contrast the men of verse 37 with the one in verse 38. Which are we?

31. JESUS IS INVOLVED IN TWO HEALINGS. THE KEY, HOW DIFFERENT THEY ARE FROM ONE ANOTHER.

a. Luke 8:40-56 and it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people *gladly* received him: for they were all waiting for him. ⁴¹And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: ⁴²For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. ⁴³And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, ⁴⁴Came behind *him*, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. ⁴⁵And Jesus said, **Who touched me?** When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, **Who touched me?** ⁴⁶And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. ⁴⁷And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸And he said unto her, **Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.** ⁴⁹While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. ⁵⁰But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, **Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.** ⁵¹And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. ⁵²And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, **Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.** ⁵³And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, **Maid,**

arise.⁵⁵ And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.⁵⁶ And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

- b. One last look at the last battle before we look at this one.
 - i. Jesus is denied.
 - (1) But his love of the people does not change.
 - (2) He will do one more thing to try and win them.
 - (a) What was that.
- c. Jesus was rejected. Now He is received with gladness.
 - i. But still He goes about His calling.
 - ii. What about us? What does this say to us when the slightest thing will make us want to give up spreading the Good News.
- d. Here we will see the Good News. God loves us.
- e. We must pay close attention to the actions of the man who came to Jesus.
 - i. Who was he?
 - ii. Why was he there?
 - iii. What did he do?
 - (1) What does this tell us about his thoughts on who Jesus is?
- f. Again I would draw your attention to the age of the girl.
 - i. Twelve = universal
 - ii. What we are seeing here will one day be common to all people.
- g. Now we are introduced to a woman.
 - i. Who is she?
 - ii. Why was she there?
 - iii. What did she Do?
 - (1) What does this tell us about her thoughts on who Jesus is?
- h. Again I would draw your attention to how long she had had the sickness.
 - i. Twelve = universal
 - ii. What we are seeing here will one day happen to all sickness.
- i. What had this woman done in the past?
- j. What is she going to do now, and why?
- k. What is the man doing now, and why?
- l. Who determined how they were going to receive from the Lord?
 - i. What must we know about receiving from God?
 - (1) **1 Cor. 2:13-14** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. ¹⁴The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- m. When the lady touched Jesus two things happened. Two people involved.
 - i. Two = witness
 - ii. So we must witness [look] at them close.
 - iii. The woman was immediately healed.
 - iv. Virtue went out of Jesus.
 - (1) What is this virtue that can flow from one to another?
 - (a) **Mark 5:30** At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned

around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

- (b) **Luke 6:19** and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.
 - (c) **Philip. 4:8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.
 - (d) **2 Peter 1:3-5** His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;
 - (i) virtue **dunamis**, **Greek 1411**, **Strong's sdunamis**, *doo'-nam-is*; from Greek 1410 (dunamai); *force* (literal or figurative); specially miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself) :- ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, might (wonderful) work.
 - (ii) **arete**, **Greek 703**, **Strong's arete**, *ar-et-ay'*; from the same as Greek 730 (arrhen); properly *manliness* (*valor*), i.e. *excellence* (intrinsic or attributed) :- praise, virtue.
 - (e) AGAIN - I remind you that Jesus in the Gospel of Luke is seen as the Son of Man - His power comes from the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that resides in the believer. See Corinthians above.
- v. What did Jesus say to the Woman?
 - vi. What did Jesus say to the Man?
 - vii. In a similar circumstance today, what do you think Jesus would say to us?
 - viii. Was the man's faith tested more now than when he first came to Jesus?
 - (1) Is it harder for Jesus to say, "Your Sins are forgiven", "You are healed", or to raise the dead.
 - ix. In a past lesson we looked at death. It explains why Jesus would say the girl was asleep. Her soul had left her body.
 - (1) Some believes teach that all go into this 'Soul Sleep' until Jesus returns.
 - x. When the man returns home, is his faith tested. Again, Jesus said, "Believe and she will be healed." Whose faith is being tested?
 - (1) Then what do we know about this mans faith.
 - (2) Where was his opposition coming from?
 - (a) Many times where does ours come from?
 - xi. What was Jesus's remark to the man at this time?
 - (1) FEAR NOT, believe only?
 - (a) These are two opposing forces in man today.
 - (2) The requirement for this healing in believe.
 - (a) **Matthew 17:20** And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**
 - (b) **Matthew 21:22** And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye

shall receive.

(c) **Mark 9:23** Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.

(d) **John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

(I) WE HAVE HAD SOME OF THESE VERSES BEFORE. LETS TAKE A MINUTE TO TRY AND UNDERSTAND WHAT JESUS IS GETTING AT.

1) FIRST JESUS SPEAKS OF A MOUNTAIN. WHAT MOUNTAIN.

a) **1 Cor. 13:2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

b) so Paul knows about moving mountains.

c) **Ezekiel 6:1-4** The word of the LORD came to me: ²"Son of man, set your face against the mountains of Israel; prophesy against them ³and say: 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Sovereign LORD. This is what the Sovereign LORD says to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys: I am about to bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places. ⁴Your altars will be demolished and your incense altars will be smashed; and I will slay your people in front of your idols.

d) So what is the Lord wanting us to send into the sea?

xii. When the girl comes back, what does Jesus instruct them to do?

(1) Why meat? What would you have given her?