

# The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Fifteen - Luke 8:1-3,19-21; 11:14-36; Matt. 12:22-50; Mark 3: 19-35

## Summary of Lesson

After Jesus left the house of Simon, the Pharisee, where the sinful woman had washed Jesus' feet with her tears and then anointed them, He went about in the cities and villages of Galilee, preaching and bringing good tidings of the kingdom of God to the people. Accompanying Him were the twelve apostles, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna and many others who ministered to Him. During this tour He cast out a demon from a man that was dumb, which led some Jews to blasphemously accuse Jesus of performing miracles by the power of Beelzebub. Jesus answered this accusation, and, in doing so, mentioned the unforgivable blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. When some Jews asked Him for a sign, Jesus rebuked them and taught concerning such. An enthusiast then praised Jesus, and others made inquiries concerning the mother and brethren of Jesus, prompting Him to teach them about His attitude toward His own mother and brethren. This was then followed by teaching on the matter of light-bearing and the source of good and evil.

### **Luke 8:1-3, 19-21**

{1} Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, {2} and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities; Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, {3} and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

{19} Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. {20} And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." {21} But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

### **Luke 11:14-36**

{14} And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. {15} But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." {16} Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. {17} But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. {18} "If Satan also is divided

against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. {19} "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. {20} "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. {21} "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. {22} "But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. {23} "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

{24} "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' {25} "And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. {26} "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." {27} And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" {28} But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

{29} And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will

be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. {30} “For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. {31} “The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. {32} “The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. {33} “No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. {34} “The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. {35} “Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. {36} “If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

## **Matthew 12:22-50**

{22} Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. {23} And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” {24} Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” {25} But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. {26} “If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? {27} “And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. {28} “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. {29} “Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. {30} “He who is not with Me

is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

{31} “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. {32} “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come. {33} “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. {34} “Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. {35} “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. {36} “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. {37} “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

{38} Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” {39} But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. {40} “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. {41} “The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. {42} “The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. {43} “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. {44} “Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. {45} “Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell

there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

{46} While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. {47} Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.” {48} But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” {49} And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! {50} “For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

### **Mark 3:19-35**

{19b} And they went into a house. {20} Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. {21} But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, “He is out of His mind.” {22} And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebub,” and, “By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons.” {23} So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? {24} “If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. {25} “And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. {26} “And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. {27} “No one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

{28} “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; {29} “but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation”; {30} because they said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

{31} Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. {32} And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, “Look, Your

mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You.” {33} But He answered them, saying, “Who is My mother, or My brothers?” {34} And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! {35} “For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.”

## Questions On Lesson Fifteen

1. Who is Beelzebud?
2. What is first necessary before one can enter into a strong man's house to spoil his goods?
3. In addition to being dumb, in what other way was the man out of whom Jesus cast the demon afflicted?
4. Why could not Jesus' mother and brothers come to Him?
5. For what shall men give an account in the day of judgment?
6. What group of men accompanied Jesus on this tour?
7. What sign did Jesus say would be given to His generation?
8. What question were the people prompted to ask when Jesus cast out the demon?
9. Who was Joanna?
10. Who will rise up in judgment against the men of Jesus' generation?
11. Whom did Jesus say were His mother and brethren?
12. Of what is the person in danger who blasphemes against the Holy Ghost?
13. Where does a man put a lighted candle?
14. When the unclean spirit goes out of a man and returns to him what does he find?
15. For what purpose did Jesus' companions travel with Him?
16. What shall not be forgiven unto men?
17. " \_\_\_\_\_ are they that \_\_\_\_ the word of God, and \_\_\_\_ it."
18. With what had Mary Magdalene been afflicted?
19. Out of what does the mouth speak?
20. What is the light of the body?
21. Some accused Jesus of casting out demons by what power?
22. Who were those who made the blasphemous accusation against Christ? (2 answers)
23. What happens to a divided house?