

## Report 4

### Luke 8-9 Summary:

8: Luke chapter eight starts off with a parable most church goers know and have heard on multiple occasions. Jesus starts to tell a story within a large crowd including his disciples, where a farmer is spreading his seeds. Some across rocky grounds, a path, thorns, and all got destroyed one way or another. But some fell along good soil and came up and yielded great crops, and multiplied a hundred times more thrown. Evans says it best "the seed has fallen on a variety of soils with varying results." Giving us a better picture of what Jesus was talking about. Many people were confused but Jesus explained it as we all have the opportunity to except the Gospel but we need to accept it and really hear and listen to the words spoken to us. Jesus goes on to say that everything will come to light that we have done or said, we need to "consider carefully how you listen". Wright says it again "but as they go on their way they are chocked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and they don't bear proper, ripening fruit." Just because they think they have given their lives to Jesus it doesn't mean they have prepared themselves the way they should have. After this His mother and brothers paid him a visit but were unable to see him because of the crowd and he responded that everyone that is listening is part of His family. The most interesting passage in chapter 8 to me was when Jesus calmed the storm, Him and His disciples went out on a boat while Jesus fell asleep on it. He woke up to them all panicking over a storm they thought would kill them, when they woke Him up He said "Where is your faith?" and calmed the waters. VERY COOL. Evans points out that even though "Luke's account is the shortest" of all of the other Gospels on calming the storm it is also the most succinct, which means "clearly expressed". A Demon-Possessed Man met him at their destination and the man was quite taken over, Jesus calmly sent the Demon into the pigs just as the Demon asked and the man was restored. When everyone saw of this they were astonished, but quickly scared and asked Jesus to leave because they have never seen power like this before. But the man He had healed went out and spread God's miracle around to all people in his town. Chapter eight ends with Jesus being met by a synagogue leader begging for help for his sick daughter. As He was walking a sick-women that was bleeding for a long-time touched Jesus from behind and instantly was healed. Jesus noticed right away and demanded to see the women, she fell at his feet in praise. Right as this happened Jesus got word that the girl had died but He didn't lose his faith. He went to the house and healed the young girl bringing her spirit back to her body.

9: Chapter nine starts off with Jesus trusting his disciples enough to send them off to do their own miracles in God's name. He sent them out in faith ALONE, with no belongings, staying at anyone's house that would welcome

them, Herod although was not happy. The next huge Bible story comes up when Jesus has a crowd of five thousand people that needed something to eat because of their travels to him. Jesus takes five loaves of bread and two fish, while looking up to heaven multiplied it into basketfuls, and he even had plenty left over! Jesus asked the disciples who they say He is and Peter replied "God's Messiah", which he was completely correct. Jesus then goes on to say that He will be killed and on the third day rise again. Eight days later Jesus took Peter, John and James up a mountain with him to pray, while He was praying four men appeared while talking with Jesus. Once the disciples saw this they woke up completely and saw Moses and Elijah. As Jesus left the mountain He came across another crowd, this one containing a demon-possessed Boy who the disciples failed to drive out. Jesus then rebuke the spirit and the boy was healed. Jesus the predicts his death for the second time to all his disciples but they were confused.