

## NT History for Juniors: Lesson 8, "The Second Galilean Tour"

### I. REVIEW & INTRODUCTION

#### A. Remember that Jesus made **three** tours of the Northern province of Galilee. His first tour was interrupted by a visit to Jerusalem.

1. Although, He spent most of His time in Galilee, the Galileans as a whole did not believe on Him.
2. Matt. 11 He speaks judgment on the towns of Capernaum, Bethsaida & other towns because of their unbelief.
3. But there were exceptions: Jesus saved His people in Galilee. They did believe in Him. For example, he healed the nobleman's son (his whole house believed); He cleansed a leper; He raised a widow's son from the dead, and He healed the servant of a Roman centurion.

#### B. On His Second Tour of Galilee He performed many more miracles, many of them on the Sabbath Day.

1. Jesus healed deliberately on the Sabbath Day so that He could teach the people the true meaning of the Sabbath Day. Jesus taught that it is important to do good on the Sabbath Day.
2. This made the leaders of the Jews angry with Jesus. eventually, so angry that they put Him to death.

### II. HEALING MIRACLES, ESPECIALLY ON THE SABBATH DAY

#### A. The healing of the paralyzed man ("sick of the palsy").

##### 1. In Capernaum Jesus came to a certain house and soon the news spread thru the city. People came from all over to hear Jesus and they crowded the house.

- a. In Capernaum there was a certain man, sick of the palsy. He could not move at all.
- b. He and his four friends knew that Jesus had the power to heal and they desperately wanted to see Jesus but when they arrived the place was so crowded that they could not get near Him.
- c. But that would not stop them: so they climbed up on to the flat roof and started to dig a hole through the roof; when it was big enough they lowered their friend on his bed right in front of Jesus!

##### 2. I wonder what the owner of the house thought. We do not know, but we know what Jesus said.

- a. He looked at the man and at his four friends and said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5). What a wonderful blessing to hear from Jesus that his sins were forgiven. We hear that from Jesus when we hear and believe the Gospel.
- b. But this was too much for the Jews. How dare Jesus, they thought, say that this man's sins are forgiven! Who can forgive sins but God only?
- c. But Jesus had an answer for them. Which is more difficult, *to say*, Thy sins be forgiven thee, or *to say*, Arise and take up thy bed and walk? And when Jesus said that, the man, who before had been paralyzed, took up his bed and walked! That was proof that Jesus could forgive sins! (Mark 2:8-10).

#### B. The man with the withered hand and the woman bent over in the synagogue.

##### 1. One Sabbath Day in Capernaum Jesus entered the synagogue and there was a man there with a withered hand, a hand dried up so that he could not use it.

- a. The Jews watched Jesus to see if Jesus would heal the man on Sabbath so that they could accuse Him.
- b. But Jesus knew their evil thoughts. He called out to the man with the withered hand: "Stand up!" And then Jesus asked the Jews, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath Day or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" (Mark 3:4). They Jews said nothing and Jesus was very angry.
- c. But Jesus said to the man, "Stretch forth thy hand!" and immediately it was healed. *The lesson is: it is good and right to do works of mercy on the Sabbath Day. It is good for doctors and nurses to work, and for us to visit the sick and the elderly on the Sabbath Day.*

##### 2. On another day, in a synagogue, Jesus was teaching: there was a woman there with a terrible illness.

- a. She was bent over, a kind of cripple; she could probably walk but she could not lift herself up. Most likely, walking and other tasks were difficult for her. She had been like this *for eighteen years*.
- b. Jesus saw her and did not hesitate. "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." He laid His hands on her and she was well again. She was made straight and started to praise God! (Luke 13:11-13).
- c. But the ruler of the synagogue was angry. You should not heal on the Sabbath, he said. That is because the Pharisees believed healing was only allowed on the Sabbath if life was in danger. *But Jesus had an answer for him. Read it in Luke 13:15-16.*

### III. MIRACLES ON AND ACROSS THE SEA OF GALILEE

#### A. Jesus and His disciples got into a boat and sailed across the Sea of Galilee.

##### 1. But half way across the sea the winds began to blow very hard, and the boat was tossed in the waves of the sea. It was a sudden storm, quite common on the Sea, and very dangerous.

- a. But where was Jesus? He was asleep, with His head on a pillow in the bottom of the boat.

- b. The disciples were very frightened. Most likely, they tried their best to stop the boat sinking but soon the boat filled with water. Would they all drown at the bottom of the Sea?
- c. The disciples came to Jesus and woke Him up: Lord, save us, we perish

**2. Jesus woke up immediately and rebuked His disciples.**

- a. “Why were you afraid?,” He asked. “O ye of little faith!” Why was their trust in Jesus so weak? Did they not know that they were perfectly safe with Jesus in the boat? *We must know that too: with Jesus we are safe no matter how stormy it seems to be.*
- b. Jesus spoke to the wind and the sea and told them to be quiet and the storm ended. The wind stopped and the sea was calm.
- c. The disciples were amazed, “What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey Him!” (Matt. 8:27).

**B. At the other side of the Sea was the country of the Gadarenes. He was met by two very frightening men, men who were under the power of the devil.**

**1. These men were demoniacs. That word means that a demon or devil lived inside them and controlled them. In fact, many, many demons lived inside of them. One of the men called himself Legion. And a legion consists of 5,000 soldiers!**

- a. These men were very fierce, angry, violent men. The devils gave them great power to hurt others and to hurt themselves. They cut themselves with stones and they made loud screaming noises at night.
- b. The people of the Gadarenes were afraid of them. So Legion and his “friend” lived outside the city in caves and in tombs.
- c. The people of the Gadarenes had tried to capture them, to tie them with chains, but they were too strong and broke their chains. And no man came near them because it was too dangerous.

**2. These two men met Jesus as He and His disciples arrived in the land of Gadarenes. Probably the disciples were frightened, and without Jesus to protect them would have tried to run.**

- a. But the men ran up to Jesus, bowed down before Him and worshipped Him, and said, “What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?” (Matt. 8:29). *The 5,000 demons in Legion and in the other man knew that Jesus is the Son of God and they were frightened of Him.*
- b. The demons knew that they would be cast out of the men; the time of destroying these men’s lives would soon be over, but they begged not to be sent to hell ... not yet: “Send us into that herd of swine [pigs].”
- c. Jesus said, “Come out,” and the demons came out of the man, entered the pigs (2,000 pigs) and the pigs all ran down the hill into the sea and were drowned. But the former demoniacs were well again. They sat at Jesus’ feet, no longer violent, dangerous or fierce, but in their right mind.
- d. You might think that the men of the land of Gadarenes would be happy, but no, they lost their pigs! They cared more about pigs than these men. And they were afraid, and so they asked Jesus to leave!

**IV. JAIRUS’ DAUGHTER AND THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD**

**A. The plea of Jairus, ruler of the synagogue. When Jesus returned by ship a crowd was waiting for Him.**

**1. Out of the crowd stepped a man, a very important man, the ruler of the synagogue, Jairus by name.**

- a. He fell down at Jesus feet and begged Jesus to come home with him. His only daughter was dying. Jesus said He would come.
- b. As Jesus followed Jairus home the crowd pressed Him on every side. But there was a certain woman in the crowd who had a special reason for wanting to be near Jesus.
- c. She had an “issue of blood” (bleeding); it made her weak, sick and unable to come to worship b/c it made her unclean. She had been sick for 12 yrs and had spent all her money on doctors (Luke 8:43).

**2. Jesus seemed to be in a hurry, and He was thronged by crowds of people, but she needed His help.**

- a. She came up behind Jesus quietly, stretched out her hand and touched the hem of His garment and immediately she was healed. Her bleeding dried up! Then she thought she could sneak away.
- b. But Jesus stopped. *Who touched me,* He said. Everyone denied it. But Jesus insisted. He knew that some power had gone out of Him. The woman was afraid; she had been found out; would Jesus be angry with her? Trembling, she came to Jesus and admitted it. *“Daughter, be of good comfort”* (Luke 8:48).

**B. But the woman had interrupted Jesus on His way to Jairus’ house. And now a servant came and said, “Master, it’s too late, she is dead. Do not bother Jesus anymore.” Poor Jairus!**

- 1. But Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid: “Fear not, believe only and she shall be made whole” (Luke 8:50).
- 2. When Jesus arrived at Jairus’ house, many were crying because news of the little girl’s death had spread. Jesus told them not to weep but they laughed at Him. He took Peter, James and John & the girl’s parents into the bedroom. He took the little girl by the hand and said, “Maid, arise.” *And she was alive by Jesus’ power.*