

“Hold Fast And Bear Fruit!”

Luke Introduces A New Literature From Jesus’ Ministry

Luke 8:1-18

To this point in his gospel Doctor Luke has employed two main genres (French word for ‘kind’) of literature. He has employed the historical narrative and introduced us to Jesus’ didactic sermons. But today we see Jesus moving from exegetical teaching (e.g. 4:18-27) to topical story-telling. And in verse 10 he teaches us a paradox: the parable is employed so that **ONLY SOME** will believe. God’s prophetic word closes God’s way to those who are rebellious and proud. But God’s way is wide open for those who will receive his teaching, lay it up in their hearts, and practice it in their lives. May we be a people who cling to and patiently consider Christ’s parables.

I. _____ In _____ (v 1-8).

- 1) Jesus had ministry in _____ and _____ settings. Proclaiming God’s _____!
- 2) He had his _____ appointed men _____, watching, learning, serving.
- 3) There was an important and _____ place in Jesus’ ministry for _____.
- 4) We can _____ on their stories. How did you come, how are you serving?
- 5) Jesus “_____ in a _____” a message that was _____ and profound.

II. The _____ of _____ (v 9-14).

- 1) Notice the disciples _____ with their questions. Do you?
- 2) “Seeing they may not _____, hearing they may not _____.” (see Is. 6:9-10)
- 3) The _____ will be snatched from hearts. People will fall away in _____. Cares and riches and pleasures stunt _____ and _____.

III. _____ in _____ (v 15-18).

- 1) _____ up _____ in your hearts (Hosea 10:12). Be good _____.
- 2) Be faithful to _____ the _____. Take care how you _____.
- 3) Be faithful to _____ in an _____ and good heart.
- 4) Be faithful to _____ with _____.