

Galilean Ministry—Women Support Christ's Ministry (Summer 31)

Luke 8:1–3

1 Soon afterwards, He *began* going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him,
 2 and *also* some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,
 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

Galilean Ministry—A Blasphemous Accusation (Summer 31)

Matthew 12:22–37

Mark 3:20–30

22 Then a demon-possessed man *who was* blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.
 23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" [cf. [2 Sam 7:12–16](#); [1 Chr 17:11–14](#)]
 24 But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said,
 "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."
 25 And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them,
 "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste;
 and any 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 "If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? For this reason they will be your judges.
 28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
 29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, 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.

20 And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal.
 21 When His own people heard *of this*, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."
 22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying,
 "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and
 "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."
 23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables,
 "How can Satan cast out Satan?
 24 "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
 25 "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.
 26 "If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!
 27 "But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

31 “Therefore I say to you,
any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people,

but blasphemy against the Spirit
shall not be forgiven.

32 “Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man,
it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against
the Holy Spirit, it shall 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
make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is
known by its fruit.

34 “You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil,
speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of
that which fills the heart.

35 “The good man brings out of *his* good treasure
what is good; and the evil man brings out of *his* evil
treasure what is evil.

36 “But I tell you that every careless word that
people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in
the day of judgment.

37 “For by your words you will be justified, and by
your words you will be condemned.”

28 “Truly I say to you,
all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men,
and whatever blasphemies they utter;
29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
never has forgiveness,
but is guilty of an eternal sin” —
30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean
spirit.”