

Galilean Ministry—Much Forgiveness, Much Love (April – December 31)

Luke 7:36–50

36 Now one of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he entered into the house of the Pharisee *and* reclined at the table.
 37 And behold, a woman in the town who was a sinner, *when she* learned that he was dining in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of perfumed oil,
 38 and standing behind *him* at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with *her* tears and was wiping *them* with the hair of her head and was kissing his feet and anointing *them* with the perfumed oil.
 39 Now *when* the Pharisee who invited him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman *this is* who is touching him, that she is a sinner.”
 40 And Jesus answered *and* said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he said, “Teacher, say *it*.”
 41 “There were two debtors *who owed* a certain creditor. One owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty.
 42 *When* they were not able to repay *him*, he forgave *the debts* of both. Now which of them will love him more?”
 43 Simon answered *and* said, “I suppose that *it is the one* to whom he forgave more.” And he said to him, “You have judged correctly.”
 44 And turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered into your house. You did not give me water for *my* feet, but she wet my feet with *her* tears and wiped *them* with her hair.
 45 You did not give me a kiss, but from the time I entered, she has not stopped kissing my feet.
 46 You did not anoint my head with olive oil, but she anointed my feet with perfumed oil.
 47 For this reason I tell you, her sins—which were many—have been forgiven, for she loved much. But *the one* to whom little is forgiven loves little.”
 48 And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”
 49 And those who were reclining at the table with *him* began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”
 50 And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Galilean Ministry—Women Support Christ’s Ministry (April – December 31)

Luke 8:1–3

1 And it happened that afterward also he was going about from *one* town and village *to another* preaching and proclaiming the good news concerning the kingdom of God, and the twelve *were* with him,
 2 and some women who had been healed of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (who was called Magdalene), from whom seven demons had gone out,
 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza (Herod’s household manager), and Susanna, and many others who were helping to support them from their possessions.

Galilean Ministry—A Blasphemous Accusation (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:22–37

22 Then a demon-possessed man *who was* blind and mute was brought to him. And he healed him so that the *man who was* mute could speak and see.
 23 And all the crowds were amazed and began saying, “Perhaps this one is the Son of David!” [cf. [2 Sam 7:12–16](#); [1 Chr 17:11–14](#)]
 24 But the Pharisees, *when they* heard *it*, said, “This man does not expel demons except by Beelzebul the ruler of demons!”
 25 But knowing their thoughts, he said to them,
 “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.

Mark 3:20–30

20 And he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they were not even able to eat a meal.
 21 And *when* his family heard *this*, they went out to restrain him, for they were saying, “He has lost his mind!”
 22 And the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul!” and “By the ruler of the demons he expels the demons!”
 23 And he called them to himself *and* was speaking to them in parables, “How can Satan expel Satan?
 24 And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand.
 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

<p>26 And if Satan expels Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?</p> <p>27 And if I expel demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons expel <i>them</i>? For this <i>reason</i> they will be your judges!</p> <p>28 But if I expel demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you!</p> <p>29 Or how can someone enter into the house of a strong <i>man</i> and steal his property, unless he first ties up the strong <i>man</i>? And then he can thoroughly plunder his house.</p> <p>30 The one who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me scatters.</p> <p>31 For this <i>reason</i> I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven!</p> <p>32 And whoever 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 coming one!</p> <p>33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit <i>is</i> good, or make the tree bad and its fruit <i>is</i> bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.</p> <p>34 Offspring of vipers! How are you able to say good things <i>when you</i> are evil? For from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.</p> <p>35 The good person from his good treasury brings out good <i>things</i>, and the evil person from his evil treasury brings out evil <i>things</i>.</p> <p>36 But I tell you that every worthless word that they speak, people will give an account for it on the day of judgment!</p> <p>37 For by your words you will be vindicated, and by your words you will be condemned.”</p>	<p>26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he is not able to stand, but is at an end!</p> <p>27 But no one is able to enter into the house of a strong <i>man</i> and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong <i>man</i>, and then he can thoroughly plunder his house.</p> <p>28 “Truly I say to you that all the sins and the blasphemies will be forgiven the sons of men, however much they blaspheme.</p> <p>29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit does not have forgiveness forever,</p> <p>but is guilty of <i>an</i> eternal sin” —</p> <p>30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”</p>
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Galilean Ministry—An Evil Generation Asks for a Sign (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:38–45

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you!”

39 But he answered *and* said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation desires a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah!

40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. [cf. [Jonah 1:17](#)]

41 The people of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and behold, *something* greater than Jonah *is* here! [cf. [Jonah 3](#)]

42 The queen of the south will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, *something* greater than Solomon *is* here! [cf. [1 Kgs 10:1–10](#); [2 Chr 9:1–12](#)]

43 “Now whenever an unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it travels through waterless places searching for rest, and does not find *it*.

44 Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came out.’ And *when it* arrives it finds *the house* unoccupied and swept and put in order.

45 Then it goes and brings along with itself seven other spirits more evil than itself, and *they go in and* live there. And the last *state* of that person becomes worse than the first. So it will be for this evil generation also!”

Galilean Ministry—Christ’s Spiritual Family (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:46–50	Mark 3:31–35	Luke 8:19–21
46 And <i>while</i> he was still speaking to the crowds, behold, his mother and brothers	31 And his mother and his brothers arrived,	19 Now his mother and brothers came to him, and they were not able to meet with him

<p>were standing there outside, desiring to speak to him. 47 And someone told him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers are standing there outside desiring to speak to you.” 48 But he answered <i>and</i> said to the one who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” 49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Behold my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father <i>who is</i> in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>and standing outside, they sent <i>word</i> to him to summon him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers <i>are</i> outside looking for you.” 33 And he answered them <i>and</i> said, “Who is my mother or my brothers?” 34 And looking around at those who were sitting around him in a circle, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, this person is my brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>because of the crowd. 20 And it was reported to him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside wanting to see you.” 21 But he answered <i>and</i> said to them, “These are my mother and my brothers—the ones who hear the word of God and do <i>it</i>.”</p>
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