

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

Luke 7:36–50

36 Now one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.

37 Then when a woman of that town, who was a sinner, learned that Jesus was dining at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed oil.

38 As she stood behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfumed oil.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner."

40 So Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." He replied, "Say it, Teacher."

41 "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed him five hundred silver coins, and the other fifty.

42 When they could not pay, he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

44 Then, turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house. You gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

45 You gave me no kiss of greeting, but from the time I entered she has not stopped kissing my feet.

46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfumed oil.

47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which were many, are forgiven, thus she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"

50 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 Some time afterward he went on through towns and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,

2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and disabilities: Mary (called Magdalene), from whom seven demons had gone out,

3 and Joanna the wife of Cuza (Herod's household manager), Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their own resources.

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

Matthew 12:22–37

Mark 3:20–30

22 Then they brought to him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute. Jesus healed him so that he could speak and see.

23 All the crowds were amazed and said, "Could this one be the Son of David?" [cf. [2 Sam 7:12–16](#); [1 Chr 17:11–14](#)]

24 But when the Pharisees heard this they said,

"He does not cast out demons except by the power of Beelzebul, the ruler of demons!"

25 Now when Jesus realized what they were thinking, he said to them,

"Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed, and no town or house divided against itself will stand.

26 So if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

20 Now Jesus went home, and a crowd gathered so that they were not able to eat.

21 When his family heard this they went out to restrain him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

22 The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and, "By the ruler of demons he casts out demons."

23 So he called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom will not be able to stand.

25 If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

26 And if Satan rises against himself and is divided, he is not able to stand and his end has come.

<p>27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, 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 already overtaken you. 29 How else can someone enter a strong man’s house and steal his property, unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can thoroughly plunder the house. 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. 31 For this reason I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. 33 “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is known by its fruit. 34 Offspring of vipers! How are you able to say anything good, since you are evil? For the mouth speaks from what fills the heart. 35 The good person brings good things out of his good treasury, and the evil person brings evil things out of his evil treasury. 36 I tell you that on the day of judgment, people will give an account for every worthless word they speak. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”</p>	<p>27 But no one is able to enter a strong man’s house and steal his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can thoroughly plunder his house. 28 I tell you the truth, people will be forgiven for all sins, even all the blasphemies they utter. 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an eternal sin” 30 (because they said, “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

<p>38 Then some of the experts in the law along with some Pharisees answered him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.” 39 But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but 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 for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth for 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 when Jonah preached to them—and now, 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 now, something greater than Solomon is here! [cf. 1 Kgs 10:1–10; 2 Chr 9:1–12] 43 “When an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it passes through waterless places looking for rest but does not find it. 44 Then it says, ‘I will return to the home I left.’ When it returns, it finds the house empty, swept clean, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there, so the last state of that person is worse than the first. It will be that way for this evil generation as well!”</p>
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Galilean Ministry—Christ’s Spiritual Family (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:46–50	Mark 3:31–35	Luke 8:19–21
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<p>46 While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and brothers came and stood outside, asking to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside</p>	<p>31 Then Jesus’ mother and his brothers came. Standing outside, they sent word to him, to summon him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him and they said to him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are outside</p>	<p>19 Now Jesus’ mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not get near him because of the crowd. 20 So he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside,</p>
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<p>wanting to speak to you.” 48 To the one who had said this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother and who are my brothers?” 49 And pointing toward his disciples he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>looking for you.” 33 He answered them and said, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34 And looking at those who were sitting around him in a circle, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>wanting to see you.” 21 But he replied to them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”</p>
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