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**Luke 8:1–12**

Leading  
Speaking

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## Luke 8:1–12 ESVUK

<sup>1</sup> Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

<sup>4</sup> And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup> "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.

<sup>6</sup> And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.

<sup>8</sup> And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand'.

<sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

# Jesus uncut: “Will the real Jesus please stand up”

## Seeing Jesus

Luke 8:1–12

### Introduction

#### Luke 7–8 How great a salvation

**A 7:1–10** Centurion’s servant healed (disease)

**7:11–17** Widow of Nain’s son raised (death)

**B 7:18–35** John the Baptist’s teaching and people’s response to Jesus

**C 7:36–50** the sinful woman—*your faith has ‘saved’ you; go in peace*

**B\* 8:1–21** Jesus’ teaching and people’s response to Jesus

**A\* 8:21–25** Calming of the storm (disorder)

**8:26–39** Healing of demoniac (devil)

**D 8:40–42** Jairus’ daughter dying

**8:43–48** Woman with bleeding—*your faith has ‘saved’ you; go in peace*

**8:49–56** Jairus’ daughter raised—*only believe and she will be ‘saved’*

### 1. Salvation comes ... through widespread distribution

Make sure that you listen

### 2. Salvation comes ... through divine intervention

Take care how well you listen

### Conclusion

Expectations

Attitudes

Confidence

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How does what Jesus says about being saved change your attitude and expectations?
- How does it build confidence in what Jesus is doing?

**Next week:** Hearing Jesus, Luke 8:9–15, William Taylor.