

The Fourfold Gospel

Week 16 - The Good Shepherd, The 70 sent out,
Jesus visits Mary & Martha, Jesus in Paræa
(LXXXII-LXXXIX)

The Good Shepherd

- John 10:1-21
 - What word does your version of bible use to describe the first story in verse 6?
 - Parable – *gr. Parabole* - *to place beside – a comparison* - this is not the word used in John. John never uses this word. It is only found in the other 3 gospels
 - Parable, Figure of Speech, similitude, story – *gr. Paroimia* – an allegory, adage, fictitious or enigmatic illustration . – Only John uses this word, it does not occur in the other 3 synoptic gospels
 - Who is Jesus in this allegory, as HE explains it?
 - The door – the passive doorway to life – all MUST go through Him to receive abundant life and blessings.
 - The Shepherd – The active, energizing force which leads His people through that doorway into life everlasting.
 - What does the Shepherd do for His sheep?
 - Leads, loves, cares for and defends them, and if necessary, gives his life for them

Jesus sends out the 70

- Luke 10:1-24
 - What was the purpose for sending the 70?
 - To prepare the way for Jesus, to evangelize the area in Judæa to get the people ready for Jesus to bring the gospel. They were given the power of God over disease, over demons, over fleshly damage by nature or the power of Satan
 - What was the response of the 70 upon returning?
 - Even the demons were subject to them in His name
 - What is meant by Jesus' statement in verse 18?
 - As the 70 had just reported, they were victorious over the powers of Satan and the unclean spirits he commands. In their successes, Jesus saw Satan falling from lofty heights with the swiftness of lightning. The overthrow of Satan was then in progress.
 - Even in this success, Jesus gives thanks. What does he pray for?
 - That His true identity and purpose were hidden from the elite but recognized by babes
 - That all things were given to Him by the Father, and He controls His destiny

The Good Samaritan

- Luke 10:25-37
 - What 2 questions are posed to Jesus that leads us into this story?
 - What shall I do to inherit eternal life?
 - Who is my neighbor?
 - What is the assumption of the nationality of the “certain man”?
 - It best makes sense that this man was a Jew to show the complete failure of the Jews who did not stop, but also the humility of the Samaritan who did.
 - What laws did the priest and Levite (temple minister) violate?
 - Exodus 23:4-5, Deuteronomy 22:1-4 along with Deut 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18
 - Duties to help your neighbor
 - The lawyer could see the picture of his own life in the story of the priest and Levite because in them he could see those who knew the law, but did not practice it.
 - No excuses or reasons for them to avoid the man were given because they were not worth mentioning – they violated law

Jesus visits Martha and Mary

- Luke 10:38-42
 - Where was the village of Bethany, the home of Mary and Martha located?
 - Bethany - John 11:1
 - On the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, less than 2 miles from Jerusalem
 - Who's house was this?
 - Martha's
 - What was meant by the phrase "sat at the Lord's feet"
 - a term which meant pupil, being instructed by. Acts 22:3
 - Martha honored Jesus as Guest. Mary honored Jesus as Teacher
 - What was Martha's complaint?
 - Her sister was ignoring her request to help serve those guests in her house
 - What was Jesus response?
 - You are anxious and troubled by many (**Earthly**) things, but one thing is needful; and Mary has chosen the good (**Spiritual**) part, which shall not be taken away from her
 - Martha was worried about bread for the body, Mary was being filled with food for her soul

Prayer taught and encouraged

- Luke 11:1-13
 - What questions is asked of Jesus?
 - “Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught His disciples”
 - Had Jesus taught them how to pray?
 - Yes – in the sermon on the mount, and in all of His open and out loud prayers said in front of His disciples.
 - This disciple wanted a specific outline as a Rabbi would give his student.
 - What is the purpose of the story?
 - Continued asking in prayer will lead to fulfillment of those things asked for.
 - God our Father hears us and will respond to our requests. Sometimes the answer is yes. Sometimes the answer is no. But God always responds to our requests in a way that blesses us and helps us to grow spiritually. Even when the response may seem painful to us, God uses it for good in our lives. He will never give us something that is harmful to us. Our greatest gift – The Holy Spirit

Sabbath healing

- Luke 13:10-17
 - What had caused the disease the woman had suffered for 18 years?
 - A demon – vs 16 “Satan had bound”
 - Did the “ruler of the synagogue” directly rebuke Jesus?
 - No, he cowardly rebuked the people and the woman who was healed applying His interpretation of JEWISH TRADITION and not GOD’S LAW
 - Did Jesus directly rebuke the “ruler of the synagogue”?
 - Yes, and also all those leaders who applied tradition in place of Law
 - What example did Jesus use to show they were hypocrites?
 - Leading an animal from his stall to water on the sabbath
 - Jesus contrasts their action with what He did
 - He had blessed a Jewish woman instead of an ox
 - He had loosed the woman from a disease instead of an uncomfortable stall
 - He had relieved a waiting of 18 years instead of a few hours since the last watering

Mustard Seed and leaven

- Luke 13:18-21
 - What does Jesus compare the Kingdom of Heaven to?
 - A mustard seed
 - Leaven
 - Why a mustard seed?
 - One of the smallest seeds of all seeds in nature that grows one of the largest trees of all of the spices
 - The kingdom of heaven may start small, but it will grow until it overshadows everything else competing with it, and provide safety and security along with fruit.
 - Why leaven?
 - It does not take a lot to accomplish the full works of the Kingdom of God
 - Even the smallest portion will grow and spread until everything is touched by it

Feast of Dedication, Jews attempt to stone Jesus and he retires to Peræa

- John 10:22-42
 - When and what was the Feast of Dedication?
 - 19-20th of December A.D. 29 and lasted 8 days
 - In honor of renovation of the temple in B.C.164 after it had been desecrated by the Syrians under Antiochus Epiphanes. A feast of national deliverance.
 - Does verse 29 mean that Christians CAN NOT be taken from Jehovah?
 - Romans 8:38-39, Hebrews 6:4-13
 - Nothing can separate us from God – Nothing – except US
 - We are free will creatures, if we choose to leave Him or ignore Him we are NOT His
 - Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?
 - He claimed Himself to be the Son of God – deity
 - How did Jesus talk them down?
 - By using the scriptures which they all knew well. They could not refute the Word of God given them in Scripture

The narrow door; a warning against Herod

- Luke 13:22-35
 - What question was asked of Jesus?
 - “Are they few that are saved?”
 - What was the basis of this question asked by a Jew?
 - The Jews thought of themselves as the chosen of God, and that gentiles would not have the privileges that the Jews had.
 - It was this exclusive spirit of Jewish nationalism that led to the question.
 - How does Jesus respond?
 - Jesus warns all men that the time to respond is limited and once that time expires there will be no exceptions made
 - Jesus shows them that many who claim Abraham as their father WILL NOT be part of the kingdom – blood relation is not a free ticket to the kingdom -all men, including gentiles will have an opportunity to respond.
 - Were the Pharisees worried about Jesus with their warning?
 - Not in the least. They were probably sent by Herod just to scare Jesus and move Him out of Herod’s territory but Jesus responds by saying a few days and he’d be gone

Next week

- Week 17 - Sabbath healing, Jesus speaks in parables, Raising of Lazarus, Ten Lepers, Jesus teaches about divorce, (XC-XCVIII)