

The Book Of Luke
Lesson - 6 Women in the Ministry of Jesus

Memory Verse **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Galatians 3:26–28 (NKJV) *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*”

Paul is not saying that there are no distinctions between Jew and Greek. Nor is he saying once we accept Christ we become a gender neutral people.

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to **the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

Romans 2:8–11 *but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of **the Jew first and also of the Greek;** but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to **the Jew first and also to the Greek.** For there is no partiality with God.*

1 Timothy 6:1 (NKJV) *Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.*

Ephesians 5:23–24 (NKJV) *For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.*

All are saved in the same way; all are entitled to the same eternal privileges and endowed with the same hopes of eternal life. According to their oral law males were to appear three times a year before the Lord, and women and servants were exempted. Now through Christ men and women come to the communion table together. Circumcision being laid aside, which was obviously peculiar to males. **Circumcision is mentioned 6 times in Gal.**

In the time of Jesus, as in some cultures today, women were deemed of little worth. **Some Jewish men in that time thanked God that they were not created a slave, a Gentile, or a woman.** Greek and Roman society sometimes treated women even worse.

It is Christianity alone which has elevated her; and nowhere on earth does man regard the mother of his children as an intelligent companion and friend, except where the influence of the Christian religion has been felt. At the communion table, at the foot of the cross, and in the hopes of heaven, she is on a level with man; and this fact diffuses a mild, and purifying, and elevating influence over all the relations of life. Woman has been raised from deep degradation by the influence of Christianity; - Albert Barnes

“The Lord has a work for women as well as for men. They may take their places in His work at this crisis, and He will work through them. ...They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their labor is needed.”— Evangelism, pp. 464, 465.

Women Who Welcomed Jesus’ Advent

Luke 1:39–55 (NKJV) *Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”*

And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

Anna’s Testimony - Luke 2:36–38 (NKJV) *Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.*

Women and Jesus' Healing Ministry -The Widow of Nain

Luke 7:11–16 (NKJV) Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. 12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "**Do not weep.**" 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "**Young man, I say to you, arise.**" 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. 16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

A Woman is Healed - Luke 8:41–56 (NKJV) And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. ⁴³ Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, ⁴⁴ came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "**Who touched Me?**" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "**Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.**" ⁴⁷ Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And He said to her, "**Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.**"

Jairus's Daughter is Raised - Luke 8: 49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." 50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "**Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.**" 51 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. 52 Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "**Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.**" 53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. 54 But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "**Little girl, arise.**" 55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. 56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Women of Gratitude and Faith

A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet Mark 14:3–9; John 12:2–8

Luke 7:36–50 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

Matthew 26:6–7) And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

Some Women Who Followed Jesus - Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38–42 (NKJV) Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.**"

Persistent in Prayer, Sacrificial in Giving - Widow and the Judge

Luke 18:1–8 (NKJV) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: "**There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'** 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' " Then the Lord said, "**Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"**

The Widow's Mites - Luke 21:1–4 (NKJV) And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, ² and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. ³ So He said, "**Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; ⁴ for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.**"