

## The Gospel according to Luke – Part 6

### Women in the Ministry of Jesus

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on the Gospel according to Luke. Our topic today: Women in the Ministry of Jesus

Scripture Theme Song: “This is a faithful saying” (1 Timothy 1:15,17; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

#### Introduction

More than any other Gospel account, Dr. Luke emphasizes both the ministry of Jesus to women and the ministry of women as followers of Jesus.

- 1) Women welcomed the news of the coming of Jesus
  - a) Mary – Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:46-55
  - b) Elizabeth - Luke 1:39-45
  - c) Anna – Luke 2:36-38
  - d) What lesson can we learn for our lives today from the examples of these godly women?
- 2) Women were impacted by the healing ministry of Jesus
  - a) Luke 7:11-17 – the widow of Nain
  - b) Luke 8:41-42, 49-56 – Jairus’ daughter and her mother
  - c) Luke 8:43-48 – the woman who touched the hem of His garment
  - d) Luke 13:10-17 – the woman who was bent over
- 3) Women expressed their gratitude to God during the ministry of Jesus
  - a) Luke 7:36-50 - What important lessons can we learn from this story?
  - b) Luke 21:1-4 – How was this gift an expression of gratitude to God?
  - c) What can we learn from the response of Jesus to both of these women?
  - d) Why do you think the Holy Spirit impressed Dr. Luke to include these two stories in his Gospel account?
- 4) Several women were disciples of Jesus
  - a) Luke 8:1-3
  - b) Luke 10:38-39
  - c) Luke 23:55-56; Luke 24:1-11
  - d) As disciples, we have much to learn from Jesus. Martha was a disciple with a strong faith in Jesus (John 11:27), but there was an important lesson she needed to learn. See Luke 10:38-42.
- 5) The reaction of Jesus to those who take advantage of women
  - a) Luke 20:45-47
  - b) In contrast, see James 1:27
- 6) Discussion questions
  - a) Some might misunderstand the account in Luke 8:19-21 and conclude that Jesus did not show respect and care for his mother. What evidence do you find in the Gospels to correct that misunderstanding? Luke 2:51-52; John 2:12; John 19:26-27.
  - b) How will you apply this study to your life today?