

“Who is this?”

Luke 8:16-25

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16 “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.

17 For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.

18 Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.”

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John 1:4-5

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

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James 1:19-21

19 My dear brothers and sisters,
take note of this: Everyone
should be quick to listen, slow to
speak and slow to become angry,
20 because man’s anger does not
bring about the righteous life
that God desires.

21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

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**“The message of the gospel
demands a response and so lays
bare the thoughts and
intentions of people’s heart.”**

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Luke 8:19-21

19 Now Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. **20** Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” **21** He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.”

“Who is this?”

**“Jesus’ family consists of those
who hear the Word of God
and do it.”**

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“Who is this?”

James 1:22-25

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23** Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror **24** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives perfect freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he have heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.

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James 2:14-18

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?

17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. **18** But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

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Ephesians 5:25b-27

just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.**

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Luke 8:22-26

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. **23** As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

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“The Sea of Galilee is particularly susceptible to sudden violent storms...

Luke is not exaggerating when he says the disciples are in great danger.”

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24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. **25**

“Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

“Who is this?”

“Jesus’ extraordinary authority to calm a storm with a word reminds us that He is sovereign over all life’s circumstances and that He cares for our every need. In what difficulties in life do [we] need to trust the Lord of life’s storms?”

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Main points

- **Jesus brings truth into the world**
- **The family of Jesus is His Bride, the church**
- **Jesus alone has authority**

Application

**Everyone must answer the
question:**

“Who is this?”

Final Thoughts

“The disciples, as they lived with Jesus and saw Him work, came to understand that they were not following an ordinary rabbi. Luke has the disciples ask here, “Who is this?” and the rest of [Luke’s] Gospel shows the answer to this question.”

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Final Thoughts

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.