Bible Study 61

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The Gospel of Luke (continued)

Notice the detail in some of these healing stories that we find in the Gospel of Luke. Chapter 4: 38. Jesus goes to Simon house, but he mentions Simon’s mother-in-law. It tells us immediately that Simon Peter was a married man and his mother-in-law lived with them. Luke the physician names the illness as a high fever and Jesus cures her. But then we are given the detail that she got up and served them at table.

“When the sun was setting…” is the very next verse. Does that not give you the distinct impression that this is the testimony of an eyewitness. He remembers the words that people said when Jesus drove tge demons out of them: “You are the Son of God.” Jesus rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

This is a lot of detail from someone writing who was not there. Where was Luke getting his information from? AT daybreak Jesus went to a solitary place. Who would know that?

Scholars have speculated that Luke may have received much of his detail from Mary the mother of Jesus. We know that many women traveled with Jesus and the Apostles. Who would be up so early, daybreak, that they witnessed Jesus leaving the house?---

The people search and find Jesus and try to keep him from leaving. But again there is this little piece of dialogue where Jesus insists he must visit and preach the Good News to other towns “And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.”----Have you noticed the disconnect her?. One moment Jesus is in Simon’s house in Capernaum, now he is 100 miles away in Judea! How did that happen? Chapter 5 ends suddenly.

“One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, …” amazingly Jesus is back on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Gennesaret is simply another name for the Sea of Galilee. Again, the story of the calling of the apostles seems misplaced. Jesus already knows Peter, he has just cured his mother-in-law, but the story reverts.

Jesus gets into Simon’s boat and preaches to the people. What happens next is an incredible story when you think. It is a detailed dialogue between Peter and Jesus. Peter argues that they have been out fishing all night and caught nothing. Now Jesus asks him to go out again and let down his nets, but he obeys. They catch a great haul of fish so much that the nets begin to break. They signal to their partners in the other boat. Both boats are so full they begin to sink.

Amazing story. Simon Peter seeing what happened throws himself at Jesus’ feet: “Go away from me Lord for I am a sinful man.” Now Luke adds more names: James and John the sons of Zebedee.

They pulled their boats up on to the shore and followed him.

# Read Chapter 5