

Resolute: A Focused Study of Luke

3.5.23

Set Free on the Sabbath

Luke 13:10-21

Dinner Table Questions

Jesus seemed often to make the religious leaders of his day “indignant.” Why?

Open Bible Questions

Read Luke 13:10-17

- First read it not to study it but to experience it. Imagine you are there.
 - Imagine this scene through the eyes of Jesus.
 - This is the last time Luke mentions Jesus in a synagogue. The first time Jesus was in a synagogue it was in his hometown...and they tried to throw him off a cliff.
 - Imagine it through the eyes of the crippled woman.
 - Hunched over for eighteen years. Everyone always literally looking down on her.
 - Imagine it through the eyes of the synagogue leader.
 - He was trying to do things the right way...(Ex 20:9, Levi 23:3 and Deut 5:13).
- Which of these do you find easiest to identify with? Why?

Read Luke 13:10-11

- We have encountered this idea before. Think Luke 11:14 and the man who was mute.
 - What do you make of the description of a woman who had been crippled by a spirit...
 - Joel B. Green, in his commentary on this section of Luke (13:10-11) has written: “...this woman’s illness has a physiological expression but is rooted in a cosmological disorder.” What do you think he means by that?

Read Luke 13:12-13 and compare those verses with Luke 4:16-21.

- Why is the idea of “freedom” such a prominent feature of Luke’s gospel?

Read Luke 13:18-21

- Notice that Luke 13:18 begins with the word “then” or “therefore.” How do these two descriptions of the kingdom relate to what has just happened in the synagogue with a woman who had been crippled for eighteen years?
- What aspects of these parables are unexpected? Do mustard seeds generally produce trees...especially those large enough to have branches for birds? How is yeast often portrayed in Judaism? What do you think Jesus is up to here?

Monday Morning Questions

When you consider the everyday realities of your “Monday Morning” life, what is unexpected about the extravagant grace of Jesus as it relates to you personally? What about as it relates to people that you will encounter on Monday?