

ANALYSIS:

1. What two characteristics did the women of verses 2-3 have in common? _____
2. Who did Jesus say were his mother and brethren? _____
3. What was Jesus' answer to the Gadarene's request to go and be with Jesus? _____
4. Why did Jesus ask "who touched me" when there were many people all around Jesus? _____
5. Why did Jesus tell the mourners, "weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth"? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In verse 10, our Lord Jesus tells his disciples, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." The Lord God of heaven and earth has not given his truth to very many. The majority only get the parables. But to those special ones that he has chosen to approach unto him (Ps 65:4), he willingly and lovingly shares the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

After Jesus finished explaining the parable of the sower to his disciples, he warned them to take heed how they heard the word of God. Those who listened cheerfully, attentively, and obediently would be taught more truth and more mysteries of the kingdom of God. But those who did not listen attentively and obediently would not be taught any truth at all. In fact, they would forfeit that which they may have at one time understood. Each one of us must take careful heed to how we hear and respond to the word of God, today and every day! Do we hear with a glad and obedient ear?

HELP:

1. They had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, and they ministered to Jesus of their substance (vv 2-3).
2. Those who hear the word of God and do it (v 21).
3. "Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee" (v 39).
4. Jesus, knowing all things, had powerfully healed the woman, when she touched his garment, in response to her faith. He knew very well who had touched him. He wanted to commend her and tell her to go in peace (vv 44-48).
5. Because Jesus already knew what he was going to do. It was as if she were only sleeping. To Jesus, the dead maid was merely waiting for his life-giving voice to command her to arise (vv 52-54).