


Jesus “Unlooses” a Woman on Sabbath


Luke 13:10-21

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Overview: Unloosed from Satan

- **Luke 13:10-13**
Jesus “unties” or “unlooses” a woman bound by Satan
- **Luke 13:14**
A synagogue ruler is indignant because it was Sabbath
- **Luke 13:15-17**
Jesus refutes the ruler by a lesser to greater argument
- **Luke 13:18-21**
The kingdom of God will become great despite small beginnings and a gradual process



A synagogue/Sabbath confrontation

- **Luke 13:10, 11**

And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.



It was in a synagogue on Sabbath
that Jesus announced “release”

■ **Luke 4:18**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because
He anointed Me to preach the gospel to
the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim
release to the captives, And recovery of
sight to the blind, To set free those who
are oppressed,



This woman needs “release”

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synagogues on the Sabbath. And there
was a woman who for eighteen years had
had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she
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“Freed” = “Unloosed” in the Greek

■ **Luke 13:12, 13**

When Jesus saw her, He called her over
and said to her, “Woman, you are freed
from your sickness.” And He laid His
hands on her; and immediately she was
made erect again and began glorifying
God.



The official addresses his reasoning
to the crowd

■ **Luke 13:14**

But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day."



"Unloose" an ox but not a woman?

■ **Luke 13:15, 16** (NKJV)

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"



Jesus fulfilled His promise of a ministry of
release

■ **Acts 10:38**

You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.



The crowd sides with Jesus

■ **Luke 13:17**

As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.



The kingdom has an inauspicious beginning

■ **Luke 13:18, 19**

So He was saying, "What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."



The kingdom's small beginning

■ **Luke 13:20, 21**

And again He said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."



Implications and Applications

- 1) Jesus "unlooses" people from Satan through the cross
- 2) The kingdom gains citizens one soul at a time
- 3) The kingdom's progress is not impeded by world politics



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■ **Colossians 2:14, 15**

having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.



- 1) Jesus "unlooses" people from Satan through the cross

■ **Hebrews 2:14, 15**

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

2) The kingdom gains citizens one soul at a time

■ **Colossians 1:13, 14**

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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■ **Acts 26:18**

to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

2) The kingdom gains citizens one soul at a time

■ **Acts 26:19, 20**

So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

3) The kingdom's progress is not impeded by world politics

■ **Romans 13:1**

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

3) The kingdom's progress is not impeded by world politics

■ **1Peter 2:13, 14**

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

3) The kingdom's progress is not impeded by world politics

■ **Daniel 2:20, 21**

Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him. It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding."



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■ **Philippians 3:20, 21**

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.



3) The kingdom's progress is not impeded by world politics

■ **Justin Martyr** 1st Apology chapter 17

"Whence to God alone we render worship, but in other things we gladly serve you, acknowledging you as kings and rulers of men, and praying that with your kingly power you be found to possess also sound judgment."