

### Parallel Passages on Men and Women in the Gospel of Luke

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1. An angel speaks to Zechariah (1:5-20) and to Mary (1:26-38)
2. Mary sings a song (1:46-55) and Zechariah sings a song (1:68-79)
3. Simeon and Anna receive Jesus in the temple (2:25-38)
4. Examples of faith—woman of Zarephath and Naaman the leper (4:24-27)

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5. Parable of mending a garment (from the life experience of women) and making wine (from the life experience of men) – (5:36-39)
6. Raising of the dead: One young man (7:11-17) and one young woman (8:49-56)
7. Jesus' concern for sinners in the face of harsh rejection of the self-righteous: Woman in the house of Simon (7:36-50) and the parable of the publican and the Pharisee (18:9-14). One rejected person is a woman, the other is a man

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8. The band of disciples includes men and women (8:1-3). They all have names.
9. Two people are told, "Your faith has saved you." Woman with the flow of blood (8:43-48) and the blind man (18:35-42).
10. Two cases where Jesus becomes defiled and unclean due to contact with the unclean: Jesus allows the woman with the issue of blood to touch him (8:43-48) and he enters the house and spends the night with a tax collector (19:1-10).

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11. Martha (10:41-42) and the ruler (18:22) each lack one thing.
12. Two parables on assurance of answer to prayer: The friend at midnight (11:5-8) and the unjust judge and the widow (18:1-8). The first main character is a man and the second is a woman.
13. The poem on the men of Nineveh and the queen of the South (11:29-32).
14. A concern for justice for men servants and women servants at the marriage feast (12:45-46).

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15. Divisions in one house include divisions between men and divisions between women (12:51-53).
16. Two healings on the Sabbath: One is of a woman (13:10-16) and the other of a man (14:1-6). The example of the ox and ass occurs in each healing.
17. The “daughter of Abraham” (13:16) and the “son of Abraham” (19:9)
18. Two parallel parables: One from the life experience of men—the planting of a mustard seed. Another from the world of women—the leaven in the meal. (13:18-21)

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19. Disciples of Jesus must demonstrate loyalty to him above loyalty to male and female family members (14:26-27).
20. The double parables of the lost sheep (15:4-7) and the lost coin (15:8-10).
21. The day of the Son of Man: two men in one bed (17:34) and two women grinding (17:35).
22. In debate with the Sadducees Jesus affirms equality between men and women in the resurrection (20:27-36).

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23. A poor woman is made the hero of Jesus’ observation of gifts given to the treasury. The grammar allows the conclusion that the rich mentioned are men and women. However the Middle Eastern cultural assumption is that they were men (21:1-4).
24. Strangers who offer aid/support at the cross include Simon of Cyrene (23:26) and the women of Jerusalem (23:27)

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25. His acquaintances, men and women, who followed him from Galilee, stand at a distance watching the crucifixion. The women are specifically mentioned (23:49).
26. Those present at his burial include Joseph of Arimathea and the women (23:50-56).
27. The empty tomb stories and the resurrection appearances are focused on the women and the disciples. The initial witness is from the **women** to the **men** (24:1-49).