Rediscover Jesus, 20: "Women with Jesus" Luke 8:1-3 Pastor John Eom

In the work of proclaiming the gospel in every place, Jesus values and includes women to participate.

I. Jesus' gospel purpose (v.1)

Luke 8:1 (ESV)

- ¹ Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,
 - Jesus was committed to his gospel purpose that he passed onto the church.
 - Jesus' purpose is to proclaim and bring the good news of God's kingdom (gospel) in every place.
 - Through the apostles, Jesus has passed on his gospel purpose to every church.
 - Life Application #1: Consider the purpose of your life. Is it aligned to the gospel purpose of our King, Jesus Christ?

II. Jesus' gospel patrons (vv.2-3)

Luke 8:2-3 (ESV)

² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

- Jesus valued and included women in his gospel purpose as he was building up the church.
 - Jesus valued women in counter-cultural ways in his interactions with them, even in choosing women to be his first witnesses.
 - Women participated in Jesus' purpose as gospel patrons, supporting the financial needs of his mission.
 - Gospel Patrons: "People who resource and come alongside others to help them proclaim the gospel." (John Rinehart)
- Life Application #2: Contribute to the culture of valuing one another in Christ, especially the women in our church body.
- Life Application #3: Make margins in our life (our schedule, our resources) and create contexts to engage with unbelievers in our lives.