The Expositor's Study Bible

1. **CHAPTER 8**

**(A.D. 31)**

**THE GOSPEL**

**1 And it came to pass afterward *(refers to the events of the previous Chapter)*, that He went throughout every city and village *(His Love unchilled by unbelief and hatred, He visited every city and village with the glad tidings of the Gospel)*, preaching *(man magnifies sacraments and ceremonies, and belittles preaching; God magnifies preaching)* and showing the glad tidings *(Good News)* of the Kingdom of God *(the “Kingdom of God” is the Gospel of Jehovah’s King, the Lord Jesus Christ; it is a dispensational term and refers to Messiah’s Kingdom on Earth; it was offered by both John and Jesus, but was rejected and thus postponed until Christ comes the Second Time [Rev., Chpt.***[***19***](https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=of9KBQAAQBAJ&pg=GBS.PT9027.w.0.0.0.0.1)***])*: and the Twelve *were* with Him *(means that the Twelve remained with Him constantly)*,**

**2 And certain women *(women are prominent and honorably mentioned in Luke; it was not a woman who sold the Lord for thirty pieces of silver; it was not women who forsook Him and fled, etc.; it was women who***

***were the first to visit His Tomb on the Resurrection morning)*, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities *(healed of that which had been caused by evil spirits)*, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils *(she was from Magdala, a little town near Tiberias; she loved much because she had been forgiven much; there is no proof that she is the woman who anointed His Feet with the ointment of***[***Lk. 7:37-38***](https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=of9KBQAAQBAJ&pg=GBS.PT7289.w.5.0.2.0.1)***)*,**

**3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod’s steward *(is believed to be the family whose dying son was healed by Jesus [***[***Jn. 4:46***](https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=of9KBQAAQBAJ&pg=GBS.PT7564.w.3.0.52.0.1)***])*, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance *(some of these women were wealthy, and they used their money to minister to the Lord’s necessities; He could with a few loaves feed thousands, but He did not feed Himself; thus, He proved that He was a man like His fellowmen; true disciples now as then minister to Him; mere professers do not)*.**

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

**4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to Him out of every city, He spoke by a Parable *(Parables had a tendency to confuse His opposers, and to enlighten those who were truly His followers)*:**