

A Compassionate Savior Luke 7

I. Dealing with Distress - 7:1-10

1. Loss of a beloved servant – 1-2
Roman centurion had a servant
He was “dear to him” – He loved him
The servant was seriously ill – ready to die
2. Centurion appealed to Jesus – 3-5
He heard about Jesus & His healing power
Humble, he appealed through Jewish elders
Elders told Jesus this Roman was worthy
He loved the Jews & built a synagogue for them
3. Centurion renounced any worthiness – 6
Not worthy for Jesus to come to his home
4. A Gentile with faith – 7-8
He understood authority
Believed Jesus could heal with His word
5. Jesus healed his servant – 9-10
He marveled at the faith of this Gentile
When centurion got home his servant was well

II. Dealing with Despair - 7:11-17

1. Jesus meets a widow woman – 11-12
A widow’s son was being carried to burial
He was her only son & she was a widow
She would be destitute with no means of support
2. Jesus had compassion on her – 13
He comforted her as she wept
3. Jesus restored the man to life – 14-15
He stopped the procession
He spoke to the man who was dead
The dead man sat up & began to speak
Jesus delivered him to his mother
4. God is glorified as a result – 16-17
People were in awe at this miracle
Jesus is recognized as a great prophet
God is visiting His people
Word spread throughout Judea & beyond

III. Dealing with Doubt - 7:18-29

1. Satan uses doubt with God’s servants
Men like Elijah – 1Kings 19
2. John hears of Jesus’ ministry – 18
John is in prison – Matt. 11:2
His disciples report to him
3. John sent men to question Jesus – 19-20
“Are you He that should come?”
“Or do we look for another?”
4. The report to John – 21-22
Tell John what you have seen
Blind see, lame walk, lepers healed, deaf hear,
dead raised, poor hear the Gospel
5. Jesus pronounces a blessing – 23
For those not offended in Him

6. Jesus honors John – 24-29

John is not a reed shaken in the wind
One filled with doubt, unstable
He is not a man with fancy appearance
One seeking to impress others
He is a prophet, one who speaks for God
The prophet promised as Messiah’s forerunner
There is no prophet greater than John
But it is even greater to believe what he says
Believing sinners came and were baptized

IV. Dealing with Disbelief - 7:30-50

1. Religious leaders not believers – 30
They rejected God’s message through John
This is seen in their not being baptized
2. Jesus evaluates their decision – 31-35
They are like disgruntled children
Pouting because God didn’t do it their way
Rejected John because of his rigid lifestyle
Rejected Jesus because of His companions
A man’s wisdom is seen by what it produces
3. Luke gives an example of this – 36-50
Jesus is invited to dinner by a Pharisee - 36
Sinful woman came to see Jesus – 37-38
She brought an ointment to anoint Jesus
Mixing it with her tears she washed His feet
The Pharisee’s response – 39
He rejected Jesus for allowing her to do this
If He was a prophet He should know she is a sinner
Jesus answered with a parable – 40-42
A creditor had 2 debtors with different amounts
When they could not pay He forgave their debt
Which one would love him the most?
Simon’s response to Jesus – 43
“I suppose the one to whom he forgave the most”
Jesus said you are right
Simon & the woman are compared – 44-46
Simon – you gave me no water for my feet
She – washed my feet with her tears
Wiped them with her hair
Simon – you gave me no kiss of greeting
She – has not stopped kissing my feet
Simon – you did not anoint my head with oil
She – anointed my feet with ointment
Jesus speaks of forgiveness – 47-50
Faith responds in expressions of love
Jesus says her sins are forgiven
People marveled that Jesus could forgive sins
It is faith that brings us salvation
Taking God at His word