

Luke 7

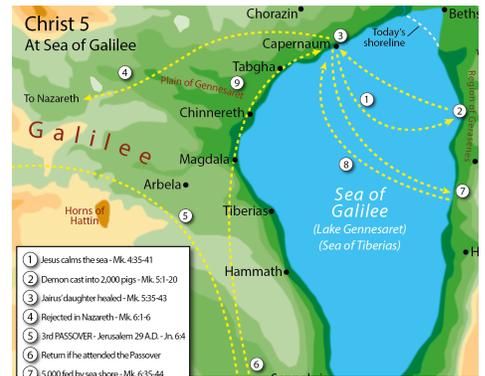
The
Messiah
Has Come

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

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Luke's "orderly account" written to help readers "have certainty" concerning the things Jesus accomplished among us (1:1-4) has established some core truths:

- God keeps his _____
- God has provided the light that our _____ world needs
- Jesus is _____ Son
- Jesus spoke with authority, sharing _____ news of the kingdom of God



How does that foundation help us understand what is going on in the four scenes of **Luke 7**?

- **Jesus heals a centurion's _____** (7:1-10). When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. When Jesus began heading his way, the centurion sent a message: "_____, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof... But say the _____, and let my servant be healed." When Jesus heard these things, he marveled, and said to the crowd, "Not even in Israel have I found such _____." When the messengers returned, the servant was well.
- **Jesus raises a widow's _____** (7:11-17). As the funeral procession passed through Nain, Jesus saw the mother and had compassion on her. Touching the bier on which the body lay, he said, "Young man, I say to you, _____." And the dead man sat up and began to speak.
- **Messengers from John the Baptist** (7:18-35). As John, from prison, hears what Jesus is doing, he sends two of his disciples to Jesus with a question: "Are you the _____ who is to come, or shall we look for another?" Jesus answers, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard... And _____ is the one who is not offended by me."
- **Jesus _____ a sinful woman** (7:36-50). While Jesus shared a meal in the house of a Pharisee named Simon, a sinful woman humbly approaches and shows great honor to Jesus. Jesus tells a parable about two _____ and tells the woman, "Your _____ are forgiven."

How does **Luke 7** help us grow in certainty about Jesus? Let's talk about it...

For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ **Luke 7:2** mentions “a centurion.” When the typical resident of Capernaum saw or heard of a centurion, what would immediately come to mind? Why is his identity important for what Luke is telling us in his “orderly account”?
- ▶ What do we learn about this centurion in **7:4-5**?
- ▶ What do we learn about the centurion’s faith from **7:6-8**? Why does Jesus “marvel” and say what he says to the crowd in **7:9**?
- ▶ Take a moment to revisit the first six chapters of Luke. What miracles have we seen performed by Jesus to this point? And what sets **7:11-17** apart as absolutely extraordinary? What does the miracle teach us about Jesus?
- ▶ Is there anything we can learn from the question of John the Baptist in **7:18-19**?
- ▶ What should we make of Jesus’ response to John’s question in **7:22-23**?
- ▶ “When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John” (**7:24**). What does Jesus want the crowd to understand in **7:24-28**?
- ▶ Jesus makes a comparison and important point in **7:31-35**. What is he communicating?
- ▶ In **7:36-50**, Jesus visits the house of a Pharisee named Simon. In **7:40**, Jesus says to Simon, “I have something to say to you.” What does Simon not see that he needs to see?
- ▶ What can we learn from Jesus’ parable in **7:41-42**? Why does his point still matter?
- ▶ Remember the goal of Luke’s Gospel—“that you may have certainty” (**1:4**). How does **Luke 7** help us grow in certainty about Jesus?