

The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 12

Luke 7:1-23

Introduction and Background

Jesus returned to Capernaum where He encountered a Roman officer. Perhaps it surprised the disciples that Jesus would even talk to a Roman, but this man was respected by the Jewish leaders and had even built a synagogue. The Roman centurion has an important question for Jesus. Later, Jesus visits Nain and raises a young man from the dead. Finally, two of John the Baptist's disciples bring questions for Jesus.

Read [Luke 7:1-23](#)

Read [Luke 7:1-10](#) The Centurion's Slave

1. Where did Jesus return to? (1)
2. Who was sick and who was the Roman? (2)
3. What did the Roman do? Why do you think this was unusual? (3)
4. How did the Jewish elders describe the Roman to Jesus? (4-5)
5. Why did the Roman officer change his mind and what did he expect Jesus to do? (6-8)
6. What was Jesus' response and what did He do? (9-10)

Read [Luke 7:11-17](#) The Widow of Nain's Son

7. Where did Jesus go next? Why do you think He kept visiting different towns? (11)
8. What was happening when Jesus arrived in the town? (12-13)
9. What emotion did Jesus show and what did He say to the woman? (13)
10. Jesus raised the young man from the dead. How did He do it? Why do you think that Jesus chose to raise this young man from the dead? (14-15)
11. How did the people respond? (41-42)

Read [Luke 7:18-23](#) John the Baptist's Questions.

12. Why do you think that asked if Jesus was the Messiah? (18-19)
13. Jesus told John's disciples to go back and tell John everything that was happening. Why do you think that He didn't answer John's question? (21-23)
14. Can we decide if Jesus is the Messiah by examining what He said and did?
15. Do you believe that Jesus was the Messiah? What makes you sure?

Chat about these words from the passage and how you might use them in daily life:
slave/officer/earnestly/honor/worthy/superior/authority/procession/surrounding/

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True and False

- a. This is the first time that Jesus visited Capernaum.
- b. We can be under authority and have authority over others.
- c. The crowd were afraid when Jesus raised the young man from the dead.
- d. John the Baptist did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

For Discussion:

What is the most important lesson you think you have learned today? How might it change the way you think and act?

Notes:

For Further Reading:

[The Centurion: Faith that Made Jesus Marvel](#)