

Jesus Magnified

Luke 7

Lesson 6

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 7

Our own expectations can cause us to miss the glory of what God is doing in our lives right now! It is very easy for us to hyper-focus on what we want God to do for us and how we want Him to work. We set our eyes in one direction and miss all that God is actively doing in the rest of our life!

This is exactly what we see in Luke 7. John the Baptist and Simon the Pharisee had certain expectations about how the Messiah should behave and what He should do. They lost sight of all the divine miracles Jesus was doing. Jesus was doing exactly what God sent Him to do: healing the sick, raising the dead, giving sight to the blind, causing the lame to walk, opening the ears of the deaf, and preaching the Gospel to the poor.

John the Baptist's expectations almost made him *look for another*, and Simon's expectation led him to criticize and neglect Jesus. Beware, lest your self-made expectations also cause you to lose sight of the great things God is doing right now in your life!

Ask the Lord to open your eyes to all the great things He is doing around you and in your life.

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 7:1-10

1. After Jesus *concluded all His sayings* (Luke 6), *He entered Capernaum* (Luke 7:1). What happened there? Luke 7:2-4
 - a. What do you find noteworthy about this scene?
2. According to the Jews, why was the centurion *deserving*? Luke 7:5

3. As Jesus drew near the *house*, the centurion *sent friends to Him with a message* (Luke 7:6a). Read this message in Luke 7:6b-8 (NLT). "*Lord, don't trouble Yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor. I am not even worthy to come and meet You. Just say the word from where You are, and my servant will be healed. I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it.*" Comment on the centurion's:

a. View of Jesus

b. Perspective on *authority*

c. *Faith*

(1) What impresses you most about this centurion?

4. From Luke 7:9 note and comment on Jesus' reaction to the centurion's message.

a. Record the result from Luke 7:10.

5. What lesson do you glean from your study today?

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 7:11-17

1. According to Luke 7:11, what *happened the day after* the centurion's servant was healed?

2. From Luke 7:12 describe what was taking place there.

a. Note and comment on Jesus' response when He *saw her*. Luke 7:13

(1) Link this with Isaiah 53:4a. How does this speak to you?

3. Use Luke 7:14-15 to capture the glory of the miracle Jesus performed.

4. Compare the people's reaction to this miracle (Luke 7:16-17) with Zacharias' prophecy in Luke 1:78-79. What do you see?

5. What is your takeaway from today's study?

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 7:18-30

1. After Jesus' miracles, the *disciples of John reported to him* (Luke 7:18). John sent *two of his disciples* to Jesus with a question. What was it? Luke 7:19-20

- a. At that time, John the Baptist was languishing in Herod's prison (Mark 6:17-19) and John's ministry was severely limited. How might this explain his question?

2. What was Jesus doing *that very hour*? Luke 7:21

- a. Jesus responded, *Go tell John the things you have seen and heard*. Use Luke 7:22 to list these *things*.

- (1) What do you find remarkable about Jesus' activity? See also Isaiah 61:1-3.

- (2) Although they were not the political works the Jews expected from the Messiah, Jesus' works were certainly consistent with the Messiah's coming. How does this explain Jesus' comment in Luke 7:23?

3. After the *messengers of John departed*, Jesus spoke to the people concerning their own expectations (Luke 7:24a). Use His words in Luke 7:24b-28 to answer the following:

- a. What did **not** draw the people to the wilderness? (verses 24b-25)

- b. What drew the people to John the Baptist? (verse 26)

- (1) What does this communicate to you about what truly draws people to God?

- c. What had been prophetically *written* about John? (verse 27)

4. Note that John's ministry introduced Jesus, the Messiah, to Israel. However, John was unable to experience the glory of Jesus' resurrection. How does this clarify Jesus' declaration in Luke 7:28 about:
 - a. John being the greatest *prophet*

 - b. He who is the *least in the kingdom* being *greater than he (John)*

5. Use Luke 7:29-30 to note and comment on the response of:
 - a. *All the people* (verse 29)

 - b. *The Pharisees and lawyers* (verse 30)

6. How have your expectations kept you from seeing all that Jesus has done and is doing?

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 7:36–50

1. *Then one of the Pharisee's asked Him to eat with him.* Use Luke 7:36b–38 to paint a picture of what transpired there.

a. Note and comment on the Pharisee's reaction to this. Luke 7:39

2. Knowing Simon's thoughts, Jesus had *something to say* to him (Luke 7:40). Summarize the story Jesus told in Luke 7:41–42a.

a. What question did Jesus pose at the end of this story? Luke 7:42b

(1) From Luke 7:43 note the answer to this question.

3. Use Luke 7:44–46 to contrast the actions of:

a. Simon the Pharisee

b. The sinful woman

(1) *Therefore*, what did Jesus say about this woman? Luke 7:47a

4. Record the principle Jesus stated in Luke 7:47b.
 - a. How does this speak to you concerning your response to God's forgiveness?

5. Use Luke 7:48-50 to remark on:
 - a. Jesus' words to the woman

 - b. The reaction of those *at the table*

6. From your study this week in Luke 7, write a few words that come to mind when you think of:
 - a. The healing of the centurion's servant (verses 2-10)

 - b. The widow of Nain (verses 11-17)

 - c. John the Baptist's dilemma (verses 18-23)

d. Jesus' message to the multitudes (verses 24–35)

e. Simon's house (verses 36–50)

7. How was Jesus magnified through your study this week?