

JESUS, THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT
“He Showed Up” - Pt 2 of 4
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Text: Luke 7:1-16

Theme: Luke 7 shows us 2 encounters that Jesus has with 2 individuals. The first is the Centurion, the 2nd is a poor widow. Despite their differences, both of them find themselves in desperate need of Jesus.

John 14:9 (Jesus) “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.”

Colossians 1:15 (NLT) (Paul) “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.”

Luke 7:1 “When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum.”

Luke 7:2 “There a centurion’s slave, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.

Luke 7:3-6(a) “The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue. ⁶ So Jesus went with them...”

Luke 7:6-8 “So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

Luke 7:9-10 “When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.”

Luke 7:9-10 TM “Taken aback, Jesus addressed the accompanying crowd: “I’ve yet to come across this kind of simple trust anywhere in Israel, the very people who are supposed to know about God and how he works.”

Luke 7:11-12 “Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.”

Luke 7:13 “When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

Luke 7:14-15 “Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!”¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Luke 7:16 “They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.”

LOOK IN:

1. Who do you relate to most in these two stories? Why?
2. In this season of your life, what do you most need from the Lord?
3. How has God provided for you in the past? What has that taught you about Him?
4. In these two stories, what stands out to you about Jesus? How does this challenge or encourage you? Have you learned (or been reminded of) anything about Jesus from these stories?
5. Based on the passages and sermon from this week, how would you answer the question, “Who is Jesus?”