



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 7 – Luke 7

People — Who is involved?

*A centurion – his dear servant was about to die.
A widow at Nain – her only son had died.
Disciples of John – sent to Jesus to confirm Him
to be the “Coming One.”
Pharisee named Simon – asked Jesus to a meal.
A sinful woman – Jesus forgave her*

Places — Where does it happen?

*Capernaum – A city on the north coast of the
Sea of Galilee.
Nain – A village 15 miles southwest of
Tiberias near the eastern end of the
Valley of Esdraelon at Mt. Moreh.*

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

Vs 2 – The Roman army was organized with centuries (100 soldiers), cohorts (6 centuries), and legions (10 cohorts). A centurion was the officer over a century, a very responsible position.

Vs 3 – The Jewish elders, uncharacteristically, help this Roman (Gentile) because of his character.

Vs 13 – This woman had now lost both her husband and her son and probably had no means of support.

Vs 14 – Jesus raised three persons from the dead (apart from His own resurrection): this son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7); the daughter of Jairus (Luke 8); and Lazarus, Mary & Martha’s brother (John 11).

Vs 19 – John was in prison, perhaps depressed and not understanding some things in Jesus’ ministry. But he seems to have not lost his faith in Jesus. He simply asks for confirmation.

Vs 28 – Those in the coming kingdom would be greater than John because John was not in the kingdom.

Vs 32 – These children were immature, inconsistent, and playing childish games. They were also proud and arrogant thinking they could demand that everyone follow their lead.

Vs 33 – The ill-behaving Jews tried to set the spirit of the times rather than following God’s messenger.

Vs 39 – The presumption is that if Jesus were a prophet, he would know this woman to be sinful. Jesus knew her character and her sins, but He was compassionate to her.

Vs 40 – Jesus showed that He was a prophet by knowing the private thoughts of Simon.

Vs 41 – The value of the coin was roughly equivalent to a common worker’s daily wages. One obviously owed ten times what the other owed.

Vs 43 – It should be expected that the one forgiven most would love most. Therefore, if there is more to forgive in the woman, she will love Him most and show it with her actions.

*Vs 50 – Only God can forgive sins...therefore, Jesus is Divine.
Only God can offer salvation...again, Jesus speaks as the Divine Son of God.*

Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

1. *By Jesus’ miracles, we glorify God and recognize that God has visited His people (vs. 16).*
2. *Those who receive the words of Jesus will be baptized and follow Him.*
3. *In this chapter we learn that Jesus acted in forgiving sins and offering salvation as the Son of God.*