



***Luke 7:6** *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. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 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." 9 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.*

"The Messiah & Authority"

- V:1-5 The Sick person** is one who loves the nation and helped build the synagogue, is sick and dying his master the Centurion sends for Jesus' help.
- V:6 The Roman military**, was not submissive to those they were over, especially the Jews. This Centurion was looking for a Messiah.
- V:7-8 Jesus was amazed!** The Centurion understanding of authority and humility translated to Jesus as great faith.
- V:9-10 The Messiah's omnipotent power** heals the servant without going to his house.
- What's your level** of understanding of Jesus authority? Can you humble yourself today to seek Jesus' help?

***Luke 7:12** *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 7:16** *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."*

***Luke 7:23** *Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."*

“The Messiah & the Dead & Dying”

1. **Two situations:** The Widow of Nain and the Prophet (John The Baptist). One was dead and the other was facing death.
2. **Luke 7:13 & 22** Jesus has compassion in (V:13) for the widow & in (V:22) He has an answer for John that surprises many.
3. **Is Jesus the Messiah only** when he gives us what we know His power is capable of giving us? Do we honor the Messiah’s **Omniscient power?**

“The Messiah & Forgiveness”

**Luke 7:39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."*

**Luke 7:40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.*

**Luke 7:41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.*

**Luke 7:42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"*

**Luke 7:43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.*

(The Whole Story in Luke 7:36-50)

**Luke 7:47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."*

1. **V:22** Those that feel trapped by their sin are more loving toward God because they felt the weight of their debt of sin & their unrighteousness.
2. **Self-righteous people need** surrender to be their key weapon. This will grow their intimacy with God.
3. **Jesus models full surrender!** Obedience that led him to the cross.