

Questions, Quotes and Notes

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Luke 7:1-10: What Amazes Jesus

Pre-Sermon: Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. Why is the subject of salvation such an important subject?
2. Read chapters 7 and 8 and see if you can find words that are repeated.

Mid-Sermon:

We are looking at Luke 7:1-10 and talking about salvation. Luke's made clear that Jesus has come to provide salvation, but surprisingly, many of the people you might expect to experience that salvation are not. Why not? And if they aren't experiencing that salvation, who is? In the story we are going to study today, Luke gives us a preview of his answer to those questions, by using a real life illustration of someone who was responding rightly to Jesus. He serves as an example of how to be saved and a contrast to those who are not being saved. In order to understand what kind of person Jesus is saving, we are going to look at 1.) the centurion's problem 2.) a wrong solution and 3.) the right solution. But, instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. Many people would say they are not very interested in the subject of salvation, but when you listen to them talk, they actually really are. Explain what I mean by that statement.
2. Luke is about the way God is providing salvation through Jesus. What big point does he make about that salvation in chapters 1 and 2?
3. As we read about this salvation in chapters 1 and 2, we read a lot about how God is providing salvation for Israel. But what surprising thing begins to happen in chapters 3 through 6?
4. What questions might that have caused people to start asking?
5. One question would be why aren't they experiencing salvation? Another is, who are the kind of people this salvation is for?
6. What is one way we know chapters 7 and 8 are part of Luke's answer to those questions?
7. What is Luke specifically doing in verses 1-10 of chapter 7?
8. How does verses 1-10 of Luke 7 connect back to verses 46-49 of chapter 6? (And how does Luke help us make that connection in 7:1?) What do we need clarified about salvation after having studied these verses?
9. How does Luke make sure we see the main point in verse 9?
10. What is the difference between the crowds who were saying the right things about Jesus without true faith and this centurion?
11. What did the crowds and the centurion have in common?

12. What was different about the way the elders of the Jews approached Jesus and the centurion? And, what does that teach us about the kind of people who experience salvation?
13. How did the centurion view himself? How did he view Jesus?

Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes:
 1. Luke 1:68,69
 2. Matthew 7:21ff
 3. “If we are proud of who we are and what we have accomplished then we can’t be saved, because God opposes the proud, and only gives grace to the humble, like this centurion.”
 4. “Salvation is not granted on the basis of a man’s good works, worth or merit. It is given on the grounds of faith. And faith according to this story, is not confidence that we have done the best we could, that God will our assess our merits generously, faith is abandoning trust in our works and merit and any thought of deserving salvation, and relying totally and without reserve on the Person of Christ and the authority of His Word.”
- Application: **We don’t want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.**
 1. What does not being willing to submit to the authority of Jesus say about your attitude toward yourself and your attitude toward Jesus?
 2. How is faith connected to obedience?
 3. What is your true attitude toward Jesus? Do you look at him as basically your equal? Or a little bit more important than you? Are you more like the centurion or the elders of the Jews in your approach to Jesus?
 4. How do you need to repent as a result of this message? What do you need to believe? How should your life be different after our time together today?
- How Well Was I Listening Questions: **Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.**
 1. What passage did we talk about today?
 2. Can you tell the story of that passage in your own words?
 3. What was this story basically about? In other words, what was the theme?
 4. What did Pastor Josh say we can learn from this story about saving faith?
 5. Are we saved by faith or by what we do?
 6. If we say we have faith, but we are not willing to obey Jesus, what might be the problem?