

## Questions, Quotes and Notes

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2 Kings 5, Luke 7:1-10: A Tale of Two Soldiers, Two Prophets, and Three Servants

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

1. When Jesus explains his ministry in Luke 4 to the people in his hometown who were rejecting Him, what two prophets did he use as part of his explanation?
2. What are the first two stories in Luke 7 about? And can you think of any examples of stories about those two prophets that are similar?

### Mid-Sermon:

The sermon today is going to take a little work. Are you ready? We are going to look at an Old Testament story behind Luke 7:1-10 and compare and contrast what happens there to understand the point that Luke is making better. I am going to show 8 similarities and 3 differences that should encourage you to be more confident about what God's doing through Jesus, but also may be a warning not to make the same mistake the people in Jesus' day were. 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. Why are we thinking about Luke 7:1-10 again today when we already talked about it last week?
2. What is one reason it is easy for us to miss the point of these stories or to only get it superficially?
3. How does Luke try to help us ask the right questions as we read his gospel?
4. What is the basic question people in Luke's day would have been asking as they looked at the church and what was going on with Jesus?
5. What are some ways that Luke shows us Jesus is fulfilling the mission of Israel?
6. What in particular bothered the religious leadership about the way Jesus was fulfilling the mission of Israel?
7. Why did they think this was so outrageous?
8. What is Jesus' response to their objections?
9. How do these first two stories in Luke 7 fit into this argument he is making about Jesus?
10. What was the Bible reading skill we talked about that is super helpful for studying Luke?
11. How does Luke get us to anticipate a section of the Old Testament that is going to help us understand what God is accomplishing through Jesus in the sermon he records in chapter 4?
12. What story in particular is "playing in the background" of Luke 7:1-10?
13. Who was the book of Kings written to? And what was this story supposed to teach them?
14. Who is the hero in the story in Kings?

15. What are the similarities between this story and the one in Luke 7? What are the major differences?
16. What encouragement do we receive from that story? What is the warning?

### Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes:
  1. “If the prophet had done something great or asked Naaman to do something great, Naaman would have been happy. If he had come out personally and waved his hand and said, “If you go out and do this great thing that I’m about to tell you to do you will have your healing.” I don’t think Naaman would have had a problem. Instead I think Naaman would have said, “Yes. Of course. I’m a man of valor.”  
And he would have gone off and done whatever great deed the prophet had called him to do, and come back and said, “Now have I earned my healing?” Because that was why he was even bringing all that money in the first place. That’s the kind of salvation and the kind of religion that made sense to him. It’s the kind of salvation that you earn.”
  2. Genesis 1-11,12
  3. Exodus 19:4-6
  4. Don’t ever underestimate the folly of human pride.
  5. Luke 16:14
  6. Luke 12:13-21
  7. Luke 22:34-36
- 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. How were you encouraged by today’s message?
  2. What did this message challenge you to believe?
  3. Is there any way you can worship God as a result of today’s message?
  4. What is the warning from this morning’s message?
  5. Is there any way you should be different as a result of what we studied?
- How Well Was I Listening Questions: **Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.**
  1. What 2 stories did we talk about today?
  2. Can you tell the story of the passage in 2 Kings 5 in your own words?
  3. Can you think of anything that was similar about that story and the one in Luke 7? What was different?
  4. What did you learn?
  5. Do you have any questions about what we studied?