

“Faith in the Power  
and Authority of Jesus”

Luke 7:1-17

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*The Gospel of Luke: Meeting Our Savior*

**Warm-Up Question:**

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**What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?**

**September Focus**  
**CHARITY**

How can politics become an idol in our lives, and how would we know it if it was elevated to that level in our heart?

How can the gospel and the resurrection and return of Jesus help put trust in any government leader or political system?

“When you live in Culture War Mode there is always a battle to fight, a side to take, and people to fear. When you live in God's Kingdom there's always a stranger to welcome, a neighbor to befriend, and an enemy to love.”  
— Dan White Jr.

**Resource:**

Every Square Inch, Defeater Ethics: Politics (1-3)  
<https://www.christforky.org/podcast>



Question(s) for Prayer Time:

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## Scripture Passages Used:

**Luke 7:1** After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. **2** Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. **3** When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. **4** And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, **5** for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue.” **6** And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. **7** Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. **8** For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” **9** When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, **“I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”** **10** And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

**Luke 7:11** Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. **12** As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. **13** And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, **“Do not weep.”** **14** Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** **15** And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. **16** Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” **17** And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

**John 1:26** John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, **27** even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” **28** These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**John 1:29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’

## **Additional Thoughts for Leaders**

**For More Study of the Passage**  
**Passage: Luke 7:1-17**

**Observation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interpretation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer:** \_\_\_\_\_

