

Luke Week Nineteen Bible Reading Notes

1. Take a few minutes to catch up and pray that God would bless you through the reading of His word.
2. Read Luke 7:1-17

[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.

[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.

3. Observation:

a. Looking at the story in verses 1-10

- i. Where are and when do these events take place (v. 1)?
- ii. Who came to Jesus (v. 3)?
 1. Who sent them (v. 3)?
 2. What was the problem (v. 2)?
 3. What did they want (v. 3)?
- iii. In what manner do they plead with Jesus (v. 4)? What information do they give Jesus in order to convince him (v. 4-5)?
- iv. What did Jesus do (v. 6)?
 1. Why did the centurion not think that Jesus should come to his house (v. 6-7)?
 2. What did he believe that Jesus could do (v. 7)? What reasoning does he give (v. 8)?
- v. How did Jesus respond (v. 9)?
 1. What did he say (v. 9)?
 2. What happened (v. 10)?

b. Looking at the story in verses 11-17

- i. When and where did this take place (v. 11-12)? Who was there (v. 11)?
- ii. What did Jesus see (v. 12)?
 1. What do we learn about the man and his mother (v. 12)?
 2. Who was with the mother (v. 12)?
- iii. How did Jesus feel towards the mother (v. 13)?
 1. What did he say to her (v. 13)?
 2. What did Jesus do (v. 14)?
 3. What did the bearers do (v. 14)?
 4. What did Jesus say (v. 14)?
- iv. What happened (v. 15)?
- v. How did the people respond (v. 16-17)?

4. Interpretation:

- a. What are the similarities between these two miracles?
- b. What things are different?
- c. Why does Jesus marvel at the faith of the centurion?
 - i. What can you say about the nature of faith based on the centurion's example?
 - ii. Why is it surprising that the centurion had more faith than Israel did?
- d. In v. 16 the people say, "God has visited his people!".
 - i. What do they mean?
 - ii. Why were they "seized with fear"?
 - iii. How are they saying more than they know?
- e. What is Luke showing us about Jesus' identity?

5. Application

- a. How can you express the faith of the centurion in your life?
- b. Do you struggle to believe that Jesus can help you with your seemingly impossible problems?
- c. Have you stopped to glorify God for the things that you have seen him do (both in Luke's gospel and in your life)?

6. Share prayer requests and pray for each other.