

**THE WONDER OF GOD PART V**  
**LUKE 7**  
**MAY 8-9, 2021**

**INTRODUCTION**

- Luke's focus is salvation, the supernatural and the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus' life was filled with miracles.
- Last week Luke 6, the peace and power that come with the Holy Spirit's work, with one goal in mind.
- To overthrow hell's hold on people and establish God's Kingdom in their hearts.

**I. GREAT FAITH FROM A SURPRISING PLACE**

- It is the story of an army officer who cares about a slave.
- A foreigner who understands better than others how far Jesus' power and authority extend and how they operate.
- Luke 7:1-5 - The centurion is deeply respected by the religious community in Capernaum.
- Luke 7:6-10, "... the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself further, for I am not worthy for you to enter under my roof...but just say the word, and my servant shall be healed..."<sup>9</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, He was amazed at him..."I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith..."
- The centurion recognized that Jesus has authority in the spirit world to heal.
- What could possibly impress Jesus so deeply that He would marvel? He did at this man's faith!

**II. COMPASSION THAT GIVES LIFE**

- Luke 7:11-17 – Jesus' compassion for a widow.

- She was a widow and this meant she had no means to care for herself if her son was dead.
- Vs. 13 - "He felt compassion for her."
- Splag-chniz-omai = to be moved in the inward parts
- The word describes Jesus' heart for the people He came to save.

**III. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DARK JOURNEY**

- Herod arrests John and leaves him in a prison.
- John sends two guys to ask Jesus, "Are you the Expected One?"
- Luke 7:19-20, "...Are you the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"
- John sits in prison thinking he was going to be with Jesus bringing in the Kingdom of God to Israel.
- He starts to doubt, so he sends his guys to Jesus.

**IV. WHEN DOUBTS CREEP IN DON'T FORGET!**

- Did Jesus love John the Baptist? They were related.
- Luke 7:28, "I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John."
- But now John isn't sure what he thinks about Jesus.
- Matthew 4:12-13, "...when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee..."
- Jesus went the opposite direction.

**V. THE BLIND SEE, THE DEAF HEAR**

- They ask Jesus, are you the Messiah?
- Luke 7:22-23, And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor hear the Good News."<sup>23</sup> "Blessed is he who does not take offense at me."