

Session 9: The Continuing Ministry of Jesus and the Question of John the Baptist
Matthew 8:5-13; 11:2-30; Luke 7:1-35

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

Matthew 8:5-13	Luke 7:1-10
<p>5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,</p> <p>6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented."</p> <p>7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."</p> <p>8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not good enough for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.</p> <p>9 "For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this man, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."</p> <p>10 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.</p> <p>11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;</p> <p>12 but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."</p> <p>13 And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed that very moment.</p>	<p>1 When He had completed all His words in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.</p> <p>2 And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.</p> <p>3 Now when he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.</p> <p>4 And when they came to Jesus, they were earnestly pleading with Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;</p> <p>5 for he loves our nation, and it was he who built us our synagogue."</p> <p>6 Now Jesus was going on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not good enough for You to come under my roof.</p> <p>7 "For this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.</p> <p>8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."</p> <p>9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him. And He turned to the crowd that was following Him and said, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."</p> <p>10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.</p>

Jesus Raises a Widow’s Son (Luke 7:11-17)

- 11 *And it happened that soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain, and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd.*
- 12 *Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.*
- 13 *And when the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her and said to her, “Do not cry.”*
- 14 *And He came up and touched the coffin, and the bearers came to a halt. 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 back to his mother.*
- 16 *And fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited His people!”*
- 17 *And this report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.*

John the Baptist’s Request and Jesus’ Response

Matthew 11:2-19	Luke 7:18-35
<p>2 <i>Now when John in prison heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples</i></p> <p>3 <i>and said to Him, “Are You the One who is to come, or shall we look for someone else?”</i></p> <p>4 <i>And Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see:</i></p> <p>5 <i>the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.</i></p> <p>6 <i>“And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”</i></p> <p>7 <i>Now as these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out</i></p>	<p>18 <i>And the disciples of John reported to him about all these things.</i></p> <p>19 <i>Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are You the One who is to come, or should we look for someone else?”</i></p> <p>20 <i>When the men came to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the One who is to come, or should we look for someone else?’”</i></p> <p>21 <i>At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits, and He granted sight to many who were blind.</i></p> <p>22 <i>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</i></p>

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8 *“But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ palaces!*

9 *“But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.*

10 *“This is the one about whom it is written, ‘BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.’*

11 *“Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

12 *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.*

13 *“For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.*

14 *“And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come.*

15 *“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

16 *“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call out to the other children,*

17 *and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’*

18 *“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon!’*

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23 *“Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”*

24 *And when the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind?*

25 *“But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft garments? Behold, those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are found in royal palaces!*

26 *“But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and even more than a prophet.*

27 *“This is the one about whom it is written, ‘BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.’*

28 *“I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”*

29 *And when all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they acknowledged God’s justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John.*

30 *But the Pharisees and the scholars of the Law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John.*

31 *“To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?*

32 *“They are like children, sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, who say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.’*

<p>19 <i>"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."</i></p>	<p>33 <i>"For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon!'"</i> 34 <i>"The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'"</i> 35 <i>"Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."</i></p>
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Woes Upon the Cities of Opportunity (Matthew 11:20-30)

20 *Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent.*

21 *"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.*

22 *"Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.*

23 *"And Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.*

24 *"Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you."*

25 *At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.*

26 *"Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.*

27 *"All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

28 *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.*

29 *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.*

30 *"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Memory Verse:

22 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 up, the poor have the Gospel preached to them. 23 "Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."

Luke 7:22-23

Discussion Questions

1. What has God showed you that maybe others have never seen? What has he revealed to you that if others would have seen they would have repented and changed by now?
2. What would God have to do for you to allow Him to have His way in your life everyday? Has He already done it? Would He have to do it again? What is it that we keep waiting for?