

Seeing **CHRIST** through the Eyes of Luke

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Three Steps to Bible Study (1) Observation (2) Interpretation (3) Application

Luke 7:11-16 Jesus and the Widow's Son

***Luke 7:11-16** Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. ¹² And when He came near 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 large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. ¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."*

***James 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

***2 Corinthians 5:8** We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

"When it comes time to die, make sure that's all you have to do." Jim Elliott

***1 Corinthians 15:26** The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.*

Luke 7:17-23 Jesus and John's Question

***Luke 7:17-23** And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region. ¹⁸ Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. ¹⁹ And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ²⁰ When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?' " ²¹ And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. ²² Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. ²³ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."*

We have record of three prophets who fell into such despair that they wanted God to let them die or to even kill them. (Moses, Elijah, and Jonah)

- **The way to work through doubt** is to continue seeking truth. If we are helping those with doubt, we must continue to provide truth.
- **Grace is a safe church** to express your questions and doubts and to explore your journey into the heart and mind of Jesus Christ.
- What you believe about Jesus is the most important thing about you.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 *Test all things; hold fast what is good.*

“Discouragement is indeed an internal disease. It starts with the germs of self-doubt. Through fear and negative exaggerations, the germ begins to grow and multiply. Soon we lose our way, we weaken, and we run and hide. As it continues, we become virtually useless and downright defeated. We become easy prey for the enemy of our souls to take charge and nullify our efforts. It can almost happen overnight.” Chuck Swindoll

The normal Christian life works through steps 1-3. However, **be cautious** not to land in steps 4-6.

1. **Disappointment:** unmet expectations - Everyone experiences disappointment on a regular basis.
2. **Discouragement:** Every believer wrestles with discouragement from time to time.
3. **Doubt:** Doubting God’s existence, His love, the credibility of Scripture, etc.
4. **Despair:** When influenced by wrong thoughts and emotions, despair can creep in.
Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6, Philippians 4:8-9
5. **Depression:** Occurs when we are controlled by wrong thoughts and emotions.
6. **Departure:** I am done with my marriage, my commitment to Christ, done with life!

Luke 7:24-30 Jesus and His Appraisal of John

Luke 7:24-30 *When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. ²⁸ For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” ²⁹ And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.*

Matthew 13:16-17 *But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷ for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.*

3.27.22 Jesus and His Generation

4.03.22 Jesus and Simon the Pharisee (Fear, Guilt, and Shame | **Luke 7:36-50**)

3.27.22 **Membership Information Class** | 2:30pm-5:30pm in Chapel