

Study 4: Luke 7

An Overview of the Passage

1. What are the main incidents in this passage?

In 7:1-35 we see three different responses to Jesus. Let's look at these in turn.

2. In 7:1-10 we see someone who responds in a right way to Jesus. How does the centurion display faith?

3. In 7:18-23 John the Baptist is puzzled by what Jesus is doing. How does Jesus' answer in 7:21-22 show that he is 'the one' God promised? (Compare Jesus' answer with Isaiah 35:5-6, 61:1.) Why is it important to be certain that Jesus is God's Son and Messiah?

4. In 7:24-35 Jesus indicates that the people as a whole are responding wrongly to him. What do we learn about the people when we compare their responses (vv.33-34) to John and Jesus? What do you think verse 35 means?

5. So far we have seen that some people accept Jesus and have faith in him, but many do not. In 7:36-50 we begin to see why this is so. What reason does Jesus give for why some people love him more than others? How does this explain the different responses of the Pharisee and the woman? What is the Pharisee's real error?

6. In verse 50 Jesus says, 'Your faith has saved you.' Why is faith so important to salvation and forgiveness.

7. If you were trying to explain the gospel and the message of Christ to a friend who is not a Christian, which lessons from this passage would be helpful.