



A Socially Distanced Faith

Jesus Exposé – Part 1
Luke 7:1-17

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Jesus Exposé - Theme Verse:

Luke 7:22 *"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."*

There's No One Like Jesus:

I. Even from a Distance Jesus has Star Power. (Vs.1-3)

Luke 7:1-3 *When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. 2 And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.*

II. The Socially Distanced Faith. (Vs. 4-10)

Luke 7:4-10 *When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; 5 for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue." 6 Now Jesus started 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 worthy for You to come under my roof; 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. 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." 9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." 10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

III. His Touch Gives Life. (Vs. 11-17)

Luke 7:11-17 *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, 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 When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." 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 The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. 16 Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!" 17 This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.*

Point: When you get close you realize, there's no one like Jesus.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When is your relationship with Jesus more like a fan? When it is more like a follower? What's the difference? What would it look like for you to become a follower?
2. How is your faith a socially distanced faith? When are you happy to have faith in Jesus from afar? What keeps you from inviting Jesus into your home? What keeps you from inviting Jesus into your heart?
3. How have you experienced Jesus touch your life and give you new life?

