

WHO IS THIS JESUS?

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Sermon Theme: Jesus Christ is the one true King, who has kingdom authority to heal the sick and raise men from the dead. He also has kingdom compassion to answer doubts and confirm that He is the promised Savior. Therefore, we must respond in faith, obey His Word, and boldly live as one of His disciples.

I. Kingdom Authority – Read Luke 7:1-10

- A. What typical stereotypes exist about Roman Centurions? In Luke 7, how does this centurion differ from the ones we usually imagine?
- B. What is Jesus' response to the Centurion? How does this response show His kingdom authority?
- C. In verses 1-10, the Centurion displays great faith, resulting in a transformed life. How would others evaluate the transformation of your life flowing from your faith in Christ?

II. Kingdom Compassion – Read Luke 7:11-17

- A. What observations do you make from verses 11-17?
- B. Read Luke 7:16. How would you interpret this verse? Why would the people think Jesus is a great prophet rather than the Messiah or the Savior?
- C. How does this passage demonstrate Jesus' staggering compassion for sinners and sufferers?
- D. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16. In what ways does Jesus' authority over death point to the Christian's hope of future resurrection from the dead? How does this truth encourage you?

III. Kingdom Confirmation – Read Luke 7:18-23

- A. Why does John ask if Jesus is "the one to come"?
- B. Read Isaiah 35:5 and Isaiah 61:1. Based on the promises in Isaiah, how does Jesus prove that He is the promised Messiah in Luke verses 18-22?
- C. Consider verse 23. What does it mean to be "offended by Jesus"? How should the authority and compassion of Christ strengthen our faith in the midst of a pluralistic society?
- D. How would you like to grow in using your words, lives, and bold witness to see God spiritually raise sinners from the dead?