

# The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

## Lesson Fourteen - Luke 7:1-50; Matt. 8:1,5-13; 11:2-30

### Summary of Lesson

Jesus has just finished preaching the sermon on the mount, and, with this lesson, we begin a study of the fourth period of His life (The Later Galilean Ministry), which lasted about ten months. During this time Jesus enjoyed continued popularity among the people, but met a great deal of opposition from the rulers. As we begin, we find Jesus leaving the mountain and going down into Capernaum, where He heals the dying slave of a believing centurion. Jesus and His disciples then go south to the little town of Nain, where He restores the life of the only son of a widow. Probably after His return to Capernaum, Jesus receives messengers from John the Baptist, and after they leave, gives a discourse about John, upbraiding certain cities for their wickedness. Jesus is then entertained by a Pharisee, during which a woman comes and anoints His feet, leading Him to rebuke the Pharisees. Our next lesson will continue this tour of southern Galilee.

### Luke 7:1-50

{1} Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. {2} And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. {3} So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. {4} And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, {5} "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." {6} Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. {7} "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. {8} "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." {9} When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" {10} And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

{11} 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." {17} 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." {24} 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 gar

ments? 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. {31} And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? {32} "They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: 'We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not weep.' {33} "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' {34} "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' {35} "But wisdom is justified by all her children." {36} Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. {37} And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, {38} and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. {39} Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." {40} And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." {41} "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. {42} "And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of

them will love him more?" {43} Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." {44} Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. {45} "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. {46} "You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. {47} "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." {48} Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." {49} And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" {50} Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

### Matthew 8:1,5-13

{1} When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. {5} Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, {6} saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." {7} And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." {8} The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. {9} "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." {10} When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! {11} "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. {12} "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." {13} Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

## Matthew 11:2-30

{2} And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples {3} and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" {4} Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: {5} "The blind see 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. {6} "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." {7} As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? {8} "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. {9} "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. {10} "For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' {11} "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he 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 the violent take it by force. {13} "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. {14} "And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. {15} "He who has ears to hear, let him hear! {16} "But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, {17} "and saying: 'We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you,

And you did not lament.' {18} "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' {19} "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children." {20} Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: {21} "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. {22} "But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. {23} "And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. {24} "But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you." {25} At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. {26} "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. {27} "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. {28} "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

## Questions on Lesson Fourteen

1. Whom did Jesus say John was?
2. Where did Jesus raise from the dead the only son of a widow?
3. With what did the sinful woman wash the feet of Jesus?
4. Who followed Jesus when He came down from the mountain?
5. Whom did the centurion send to Capernaum to Jesus as messengers? What did they tell Jesus about the centurion?
6. “Take my \_\_\_\_\_ upon you and \_\_\_\_\_ of me; for I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in heart: and ye shall find \_\_\_\_\_ unto your \_\_\_\_\_?”
7. Who is greater than John the Baptist?
8. What city did Jesus use as a sort of “headquarters” during His Galilean ministry?
9. How many disciples did John send to Jesus?
10. What was the name of the Pharisee with whom Jesus ate.
11. Where was John when he sent the messengers unto Jesus?
12. In the day of judgment it shall be more tolerant for Tyre and Sidon than for what other two cities?
13. With what disease was the centurion’s servant afflicted?
14. What is a centurion?
15. “And \_\_\_\_\_ is he, \_\_\_\_\_ shall not be \_\_\_\_\_ in me.”
16. What did Jesus do for the woman who anointed His feet that caused the men with whom He was eating to take among themselves?
17. Of what does Jesus prophesy in Matthew 8:11,12?
18. What did Jesus say about the centurion?
19. From the time of John the Baptist until Jesus’ time, what did the kingdom of heaven suffer?
20. Who knows the Father? (Two answers)
21. What report (rumor) concerning Jesus went forth throughout all Judea and the regions round about?
22. Unto what did Jesus compare the men of His generation?
23. What city was exalted unto heaven? How?
24. What prophet did Jesus quote in describing John the Baptist?
25. “For my \_\_\_\_\_ is easy, and my \_\_\_\_\_ is light.”
26. In what way did Jesus prove to the messengers from John that He was the Messiah?
27. Who had rejected the counsel of God against themselves?