



*Dead Men Walking and Dead Men Talking*

*Luke 7:1-17*

*Sermon Study Notes*

Real faith is an exercise in reality.

"You don't have to give up your intellect to trust the Bible. You have to give up your pride." - R.C. Sproul

### Two Stories Reveal One Savior

The Centurion and his servant teach us about:

1. Love
2. Generosity
3. Humility (Faith and arrogance cannot coexist.)
4. Authority (Submission to authority gives you authority.)
5. Faith (Jesus sees faith where we don't always see it.)

The widow and her son teach us about:

1. Finality
2. Love
3. Compassion
4. Authority
5. Identity

### Theological Truths We Must Know

1. Distance cannot delay Jesus.
2. Disaster cannot deter Jesus.
3. Depravity cannot defeat Jesus. (There's a sharp divide between apparent worthiness and actual unworthiness.)

"Sin is not a pet for you to tame. It is a beast that Jesus died to kill." - Philip Nation

4. Death cannot destroy Jesus. (Jesus broke up every funeral He ever attended, including His own.)

Jesus is always in authority, even over death.

### Personal Decisions I Must Make

1. Will I submit to God's authority?
2. Will I admit I'm not entitled to grace?

"People who go to hell deserve to be there. People who go to heaven do not deserve to be there. The first is justice. The second is grace." - Steven Lawson

3. Will I look to Christ as my only hope?

On the three crosses of Golgotha, three things stand out:

One died **to** sin. One died **in** sin. One died **for** sin.

4. Will I repent and believe?

"Grace means God moving heaven and earth to save sinners who could not lift a finger to save themselves." - J.I. Packer

What will you do with Jesus today?