

Sermon Notes – “God Has Come!”
(June 19, 2022)

Sermon Text: Luke 7:11-17

Memory Verse: *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise ... but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* **II Peter 3:9**

Introduction: One of the main purposes of the four Gospels is to make sure the world knows **exactly who Jesus is** ... God’s Son, Anointed One, and Savior of Humanity. Today, utilizing a story from Jesus’ daily life, Luke shows us that Jesus is **“not just a great prophet”**, but the **“greatest of all prophets”** and, indeed, **God, himself, in the flesh.**

Focus Questions: *Who is Jesus to you?*

I. God’s Heart: Compassion

- Jesus **deeply moved** by the Widow’s grief. (Luke 7:13)
- Scripture often displays Jesus’ compassion. (e.g. Luke 7:36-50, John 11:33-36)
- Jesus, being God in the Flesh, **revealed** the true heart of God towards humanity.

II. God’s Heart: Action Compelled by Compassion

- Jesus acts on his compassion immediately to render help.
- *“Stop the procession!”* (Luke 7:14)
- Jesus speaks, *“Young man, I say to you, get up!”* ... **and he does!**
- As at creation (Genesis 1), the Word of God is spoken and creation obeys!

III. God’s Heart: God Desires To Dwell With and Care For His People

- After the crowd observes this miracle, they **recognize** Jesus for who he is.
- *“God has come,”* they say, *“to help his people!”* (Luke 7:16)
- Jesus: God’s Word in the flesh who dwelt among us (John 1:14)
- And he **still lives among us today**, to help us and care for us. (John 14:19-20)

Faith Challenge

- *Who is Jesus to you? An enjoyable companion? A wise friend? Someone to call on when you are in a tight spot? He is all of these things, for sure. But he wants to be so much more. An accurate understanding of Jesus will make all the difference with respect to discovering the best God has to offer you in life.*