

Sermon Notes – “The Vision of Jesus”
(June 12, 2022)

Sermon Texts: Luke 7:1-10

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: In today’s Gospel lesson, Jesus does not limit his ministry to Jews. He ministers to a Gentile (a non-Jew) and laud’s the man’s faith. Jesus did not wish to create a new religion alongside other religions, but to **cast a new vision for life** that **transcends** all human divisions – history, tradition, race, gender, and politics, etc.

Focus Questions: *Have you embraced the vision of Jesus to the point that it has become your life’s passion?*

I. Jesus’ Vision for the World

- Jesus: **“Lord of All”** (Acts 10:36)
- The Centurion (a Roman soldier) has compassion on his dying servant. (Luke 7:3)
- He asks Jesus to heal his servant & Jesus responds positively. (Luke 7:6)
- Jesus’ **vision** for humanity: *“Seek good, not evil, that you may live!”* (Amos 5:14)

II. A Vision of Inclusion

- Human propensity to **look for things that divide us.** (e.g., Acts 21:27-29)
- But **God’s creation** of us & **Jesus’ Lordship** over all of us **unites** humanity.
- God does not desires the death of any particular person or group of people.
- God desires that all people **repent their sins & live for Him.** (Ezekiel 33:11)

III. A Vision of Love and Peace

- God’s will for us: **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** (Romans 13:9)
- Distinguishing characteristic of God’s people: they **make peace.** (Matthew 5:9)
- Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Faith Challenge

- *Daily strive to implement Jesus’ vision in your daily life.* (Romans 12:9-21)