

Day 4: God's Wisdom

Read: Luke 7:35

God's wisdom is not measured by popularity or public opinion. It is displayed through His perfect plan of redemption and proven by lives transformed through Jesus Christ.

Reflect:

Where have I seen God's wisdom displayed in my own life?
How has Christ changed me?

Day 5: The Savior We Truly Needed

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The cross overturns human expectations. The world sees weakness; God reveals wisdom. Jesus is far greater than the Savior we imagined because He is exactly the Savior we needed.

Reflect:

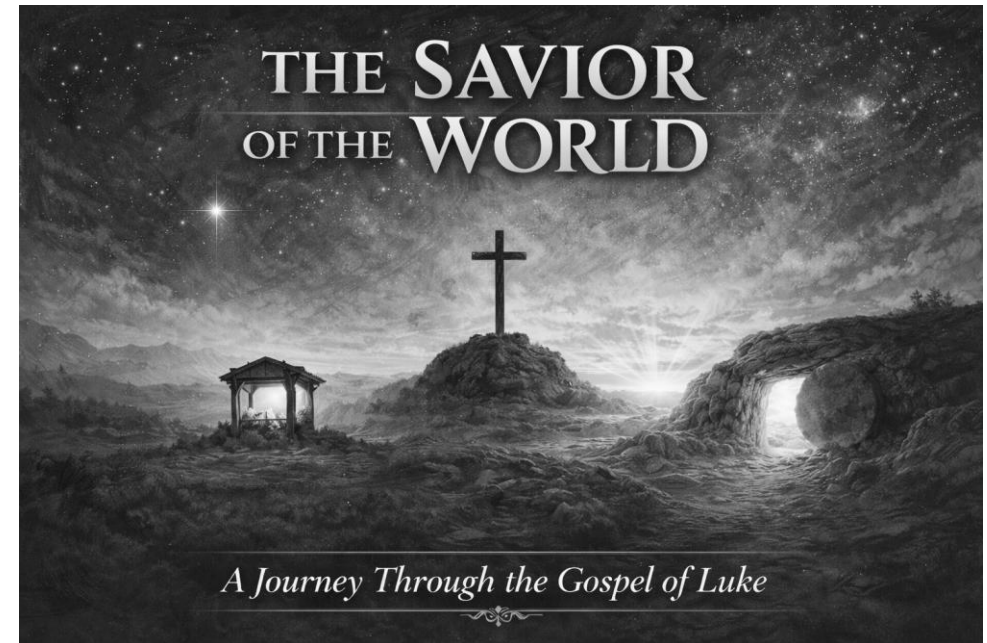
Where have you recognized your own tendency to rely on yourself rather than Jesus?
What do you need to surrender to Jesus because His wisdom exceeds your weakness?

Questions for Personal Reflection or Family Discussion

Of the four questions Jesus asked, which most challenges me this week?

1. What did you see?
2. How did you respond?
3. What did you really want?
4. What is God actually doing?

How can my words and life point someone else to Christ?



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THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD:
What Did You Expect?
Luke 7:24-35

SERMON NOTES

What Did You See? (v. 24-28)

Jesus corrects the crowd's misunderstanding of John.

- John was not weak like a reed, nor impressive by earthly standards.
- John was the promised forerunner of the Messiah.
- True greatness is measured by God's grace, not worldly success.
- Our greatest privilege is not our accomplishments, but our union with Christ.

We often measure greatness by the world. God measures greatness by His grace.

How Did You Respond? (v. 29-30)

Luke reveals two ways of standing before God:

1. As a repentant sinner – “I have a problem, and I need what only God can do.”
2. As a self-reliant sinner – “I have a problem, but I can manage it.”

The dividing line is not between good people and bad people, but between those who trust themselves and those who trust Christ.

What Did You Really Want? (v. 31-34)

Jesus exposes the desires beneath unbelief.

- The issue was never John or Jesus.
- The fracture point lies within the human heart.
- We naturally want God on our terms instead of His.

The heart is not only where our problem appears—it is where our problem begins.

What Is God Actually Doing? (v. 35)

God's wisdom is revealed in His plan of redemption.

- God's wisdom stood despite every human objection.
- God's wisdom produces transformed people.
- God's wisdom continues to be displayed whenever Christ changes lives.

Christ does not merely answer our questions—He creates new people.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Correcting our Expectations

Read: Luke 7:18-28

John's question reminds us that even mature believers sometimes struggle when God's ways do not match their expectations. Jesus does not rebuke John harshly. Instead, He gently points him back to Scripture and to God's unfolding plan. Faith grows when we learn to trust God's wisdom above our own expectations.

Reflect:

Where have my expectations of God been challenged recently?

How has God shown Himself faithful even when I did not understand His ways?

Day 2: Two Ways of Standing Before God

Read: Luke 7:29-30

Luke describes only two responses. One group acknowledged God's verdict and received His mercy. The other trusted their own righteousness. Every person still stands before God in one of those two ways.

Reflect:

Am I relying upon my own goodness or upon Christ alone?

Where do I still resist admitting my need?

Day 3: The Fracture Point

Read: Luke 7:31-34

Jesus teaches that unbelief begins much deeper than intellectual questions. The human heart naturally prefers a god who fits our expectations rather than the Living God who calls us to repentance and faith.

Reflect:

What desires compete with my love for Christ?

Where am I tempted to want God on my terms?