

# The Greatest Man To Ever Live

(Luke 7:1-50)

- Introduction:
1. Our culture needs a “hero.”
  2. It’s disconcerting to see the men and women who are held up before us today as heroes and role models.
  3. We need to spend as much effort in creating awe and wonder in Jesus as we do in sports figures and entertainers.
  4. There is no one who comes close to being as heroic as Jesus.
  5. He challenges our compassion, our courage, our convictions, and our ethics.
  6. In this lesson, let’s examine a typical day in the life of Jesus, recorded in Luke 7, and challenge ourselves to follow in his footsteps.

## I. Jesus Complimented People.

- A. (Luke 7:1-9).
- B. Jesus has an encounter with a centurion who needs his help.
- C. The centurion shows great humility and trust in Jesus’ power to cure his servant.
- D. Jesus cures this man’s servant, but not before publicly complimenting him.
- E. (Proverbs 3:27).
- F. (Romans 14:19).

## II. Jesus Had Compassion For People

- A. (Luke 7:11-17).
- B. Jesus had compassion on a widow lady who lost her only son, so Jesus raised him from the dead.
- C. The response of the people - “God has visited us.”

## III. Jesus Cared For People

- A. (Luke 7:36-46).
- B. While Simon could only see a sinful woman, Jesus was able to see much more than that.
- C. There is so much more to the people that we encounter than what is on the surface.

## IV. Jesus Changed People

- A. (Luke 7:47-50).
- B. Jesus took this sinful woman and changed her into a righteous woman.
- C. He still changes people today.

- Conclusion:
1. Do you need a hero? A role-model? Look no further than Jesus.
  2. None compare to him.
  3. Spend your life in pursuit of his challenging way of life.