

“The Promise Of God”

Galilean Ministry: Firming Faith — A Forerunner’s Faith

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- ❖ First, we’ll find ourselves in a biting scene in a little town called Nain. Luk 7.11-17

- ❖ Second, we’ll face a burning question in the heart of one of the Lord’s special people, someone who is confused, discouraged, and uncertain, and who is in a very hard place in life! Luk 7.18-23

Jesus’ works clearly show that he is involved in bringing in the eschaton, since his actions parallel promises made by Isaiah about that period (Isa. 29:18; 35:5; 42:6; 61:1). In fact, the description recalls the Servant of the Lord figure of Luke 4:18–19, who Jesus said was fulfilled in him.

Darrell L. Bock, Luke: 1:1–9:50, vol. 1, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1994), 656.

- ❖ Third, we’ll find a pointed perspective about one of God’s people! Luk 7.24-30

John’s position (as greatest of the prophets) is the result of his mission in announcing the new era. He is, then, viewed as a member of the old order. But this reference does not exclude John from the kingdom. Luke 13:28 looks to the future and makes clear that all the prophets will be in the future kingdom.

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- ❖ Fourth, there’s a riveting rebuke of the immaturity and selfish demandingness of those hearing the Lord’s message and walking away! Luk 7.31-35