Questions on Luke chapter 7

1. Luke does not tell us, but do we know what was wrong with the centurion’s servant? Verses 1-3. (See Matthew 8:6)

2. McGarvey says the centurion was, what later Jews would have termed, a “Proselyte of the Gate.” What does that mean, and why was he thought “worthy” by the elders? Verses 4-5.

3. What was the main reason the centurion did not consider himself “worthy” of Jesus entering his house? Verses 6-7.

4. In what way did the centurion exhibit such outstanding faith in Jesus? Verses 7-8.

5. Jesus was said to have marveled only one other time (see Mark 6:6). How was that time different from this occasion? Verses 9-10.

6. What fact is stated here that heightened or added to the sorrow of this mother? Verses 11-12.

7. Why was it that here, as in other instances where the dead were raised, Jesus issued a personal call to the young man? Verses 13-14.

8. When the young man was restored to his mother, what was the reaction of the people there and throughout the region? Verses 15-18.

9. What was the question John asked Jesus about Himself when John evidently heard of the power of Jesus to raise the dead? Verses 19-20.

10. Although Jesus did not answer John’s question with a yes or no, what was it that Jesus expected John to infer from His reply? Verses 21-23.

11. How did Jesus absolve John of any suggestion of wavering in his statement after the disciples of John had left? Verses 24-25.

12. In what way was John “much more than a prophet,” according to Jesus? Verses 26-27.

13. How could the “least in the kingdom of God” be greater than John? Verse 28.

14. How did the people, including the publicans, justify God and how did the Pharisees reject the counsel of God? Verses 29-30.

15. How were the people of Jesus’ generation like children? Verses 31-32.

16. Did the men of that generation tell the truth about John the Baptist and Jesus? If not, how were they wrong? Verses 33-35.

17. Is there any basis here or anywhere else in the Bible for thinking this woman was Mary Magdalene, as people customarily suppose her to be? Verses 36-37.

18. What did the woman do, and in what way was this laying her glory at the feet of Jesus? Verse 38.

19. If Simon merely “spoke within himself” his assessment of Jesus, why does Luke say that Jesus answered him? Verses 39-40.

20. What was Simon’s answer to Jesus’ question, and what did Jesus say about it? Verses 41-43.

21. How did Simon’s conduct violate common courtesy of that day? Verses 44-46.

22. How did the sinful woman show her great love and regard for Jesus? Verses 44-46.

23. Did Jesus reprove the sinful woman? If no, what did He say to her? Verses 47-48.

24. Upon what basis did Jesus forgive the woman’s sins? Did He tell her to be baptized? If not, why not? Verses 49-50.