

Sickness And Death And Jesus

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Luke 7:1-17

Intro. A. There are in these scriptures that are before us, two very brief stories or incidents.

1. A beloved slave and his master.
2. A widow and her only son.
3. The central character of each story is Jesus.

B. These stories have significant relevance today.

1. We, any of us, could very well be, sick unto death.
2. Also we will some day be as the widow's son.
3. In any of these sad occasions, Jesus will be relevant to our needs.

I. The Servant who was Sick And Ready To Die.

A. He was gravely ill.

- vs. 2
1. "...he was sick and ready to die".
 2. He was ἐχῶ, "to have" + κακῶς = "ill", ἐνί = "to be ill"
 3. "Ready" = μέλλω = "to be on the point of"
 4. "die" = τελευτάω = "to end", to finish, to complete

B. He was a nobody to society.

- vs. 2
1. He was a servant.
 2. "servant" = δοῦλος = a slave, one bound to serve, one whose will and capacities are bound to another, the lowest scale of servitude.
 3. We all suffer from a lack of self-worth when we compare our professions.

C. This sick ^{man} was also a some body.

- vs. 2
1. "who (he) was dear unto him (the centurion)"
 2. "dear" = ἐντιμος = in estimation, in honour, He was estimable, prized, He had value.