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One might use Jurin's law in order to solve the problem. According to this law, liquid's height within a thin capillary tube is $h = \frac{2\gamma \cos\theta}{r\rho g}$, where γ is the liquid surface tension, θ is the contact angle of the liquid on the tube wall, r is the tube radius and ρ is the liquid density.

Replacing $r \rightarrow 2r$, obtain $h' = \frac{2\gamma \cos\theta}{2r\rho g} = \frac{\gamma \cos\theta}{r\rho g} = \frac{h}{2}$, hence for capillary of double radius, the water rises to the half of the height in the previous case.