



Jesus And The Centurion

Matthew 8:5-13 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷ And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Seven Surprises From This Scene

1. **A CENTURION** approached **JESUS**.
 - a. Matthew 8:5
2. **THIS CENTURION** called Jesus **LORD**. . . twice!
 - a. Matthew 8:6 & 8
3. **THIS CENTURION** requests help on **BEHALF OF HIS SERVANT**.
 - a. Matthew 8:6
4. **JESUS** agrees to heal **WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT**.
 - a. Matthew 8:7
5. **THE CENTURION** won't let **JESUS COME TO HIS HOUSE**.
 - a. Matthew 8:8
6. **THE CENTURION** displays **GREAT FAITH**.
 - a. Matthew 8:8-9
7. **JESUS'** provocative **STATEMENTS**.
 - a. Matthew 8:10-13

The Issue is Faith

The two perspectives that give rise to real faith

1. Seeing **ONESELF**
2. Seeing **JESUS**

Jesus' Perspective of the Centurion's faith, why was Jesus so amazed?

1. The Man's **BACKGROUND**
2. The Man's **OCCUPATION**
3. The Man's **WEALTH**
4. The Man's **CERTAINTY**

What Is Your Perspective?

Do you see yourself **DESERVING CHRIST'S GRACE**?
Romans 3:23

Do you see Jesus **AS GOD**?
Colossians 1:15-18

Do you see Jesus **AS YOU SAVIOR**?
Colossians 1:19-20

Do you see Jesus **AS YOUR HOPE**?
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Can Jesus say this about you?
Truly, I tell you, in the entire world I've found no one with
such faith!