

## “The Centurion’s Faith & Jesus’ Authority Demonstrated” Matthew 8:5-13 & Luke 7:1-10

### I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

#### A. The Authority of Jesus Demonstrated

1. **The Setting:** after Jesus finished His “Sermon on the Mount”— He came down and went to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The **Synoptic Problem** - the \_\_\_\_\_ between the accounts of the first three Gospel writers

\*What do we know about the centurion? (Luke 7:1-2)

3. The **Centurion’s Request** (Luke 7:4-5) ...”for Jesus to come and \_\_\_\_\_ his servant”

- In Luke 7:4-5 however, the elders explain why they were being sent as intermediaries as the centurion was someone who was \_\_\_\_\_.

“deserving” (axios) =

- They’re reasons for thinking this way?

1)

2)

- And Jesus said to him, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him." (Matt. 8:7)

\*What can we note about the Centurion’s character?

1) He is deeply moved by \_\_\_\_\_ in light of the imminent death of a beloved servant.

2) The centurion is also deeply \_\_\_\_\_ by the religious community in Capernaum. For 2 reasons – He loved the Jews & provided a way to build the local synagogue

3) The centurion is depicted as a deeply \_\_\_\_\_ man.

\*How was this seen in him? (Luke 7:8)

4. **The Centurion's Faith demonstrated:** He tells Jesus to simply “\_\_\_\_\_” and his servant would be\_\_\_\_\_.

\*Where does this confidence come from? (Luke 7:8)

- In the end, this was an expression of the centurion's deep conviction that Jesus possessed \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

5. The **Response of Jesus:** (\*What can we note about Christ here?)

- What is being demonstrated by Christ here is first of all His\_\_\_\_\_.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ is on display as he demonstrated the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ sickness with just a Word.
- Under the direction of the Father, His \_\_\_\_\_ was on display as He healed this person from who knows \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of distance –
- His \_\_\_\_\_ was on display as this was truly doing a kind and loving \_\_\_\_\_ for another.
- He was certainly showing \_\_\_\_\_ as this Centurion did not \_\_\_\_\_ to have the Lord Jesus Christ heal his servant.
- But what I find particularly interesting is that Jesus – as a man - \_\_\_\_\_ at the centurion's \_\_\_\_\_.

“Marveled” =

- Though the centurion was raised a pagan from birth, without any special religious privileges like the Jews (Rom. 3:1-2), he not only demonstrated his \_\_\_\_\_ by appealing to Jesus to heal his servant, but he showed that he understood the mechanics of \_\_\_\_\_ in a way unmatched by any Jew, including the disciples! His \_\_\_\_\_ then...\_\_\_\_\_!

\*What makes faith great?

6. The **Application to Israel:** (Matthew 8:11-13)