

## **Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant**

### **Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10**

The Sermon on the Mount was over. Christ had made it very clear those of His kingdom would have an inner heart of humility, love, faith, and obedience toward God. ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Now Jesus returns to the city of Capernaum with His newly chosen twelve disciples. The Gospel writers will move forward in the narrative of Christ's life with the various responses to Jesus found among the people. We find outsiders, outcasts, and the lowly receive forgiveness and healing but the proud and self-righteous miss out on the blessings of God and turn into a hateful, murderous clan.

#### **Harmonizing the Differences between Matthew and Luke:**

- Differences -
  
- Similarities –
  
- Resolutions between passages –

#### **I. Jesus' Help Sought by Centurion**

**“Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick (“lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.” Matthew 8:6), and ready to \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>3</sup>And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup>And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly saying, That he was \_\_\_\_\_ for whom he should do this: <sup>5</sup>For he loved our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.” Luke 7:1-5**

“Capernaum” –

“centurion” –

“servant” –

“sick” –

“elders of the Jews” –

“besought him instantly” –

## II. Jesus' Power Realized by Centurion

**“And Jesus saith unto him, I will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him.” Matthew 8:7) Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, \_\_\_\_\_, trouble not thyself: for I am not \_\_\_\_\_ that thou shouldest enter under my roof: <sup>7</sup> Wherefore neither thought I myself \_\_\_\_\_ to come unto thee: but say in a word (“but speak the word only,” Matthew 8:8), and my servant shall be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I \_\_\_\_\_ am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.” Luke 7:6-8**

“I will come and heal him,” –

“I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof:”/“neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee:” –

“but say in a word”/“speak the word only,” –

Centurion's Military Reasoning –

## III. Jesus Marveled by Centurion

**“When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and \_\_\_\_\_ him about, and said unto the people that followed him, (“Verily” Matthew 8:10) I say unto you, I have not found so \_\_\_\_\_ faith, no, not in Israel. (“And I say unto you, That \_\_\_\_\_ shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 8:11-12)” Luke 7:9**

“he marveled at him,” –

“turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him,” –

“I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.” –

Jesus Gives Two Truths that must be Understood:

Gentiles and the Kingdom –

Jews and the Kingdom –

#### **IV. Jesus Rewards the Faith of the Centurion**

**“(“And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast \_\_\_\_\_, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.” Matthew 8:13) And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.” Luke 7:10**

#### **Believers Application**

1. Our home in heaven is dependent on our faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Nothing else will gain us a place at the banquet table with our wonderful Lord.

2. Does your faith cause Jesus to marvel?