

Healing of Centurion's Servant



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- **The Healing of the Centurion's Servant is a significant miracle performed by Jesus Christ, recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.**
- **The centurion was a Roman officer commanding approximately one hundred soldiers. His role and status would typically place him outside the Jewish religious community. However, his respect for Jewish customs and his support for the local synagogue indicate a unique relationship with the Jewish people.**

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- The account is found in **Matthew 8:5-13** and **Luke 7:1-10**. In Matthew's Gospel, the narrative begins as Jesus enters Capernaum, where a Roman centurion approaches Him, pleading for the healing of his paralyzed and suffering servant. The centurion, a man of authority, demonstrates profound faith by acknowledging Jesus' power to heal with just a word. He says, "**Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed**" (Matthew 8:8).

Considerations for Discussion

- **What is different about Luke and Matthew's accounts? Does it make a difference?**
- **What is the contextual importance of this miracles with Luke 6:46?**
- **What do the words and actions of the Centurion tell us about his character?**
- **What is the connection of the Centurion and the Matthew 7:28-29?**

Apparent Purpose of the Miracle

- **The centurion recognition of Jesus as the Messiah who has authority over disease.**
 - **The centurion is a man with authority but also under authority, and he submits to the authority of Christ.**
 - **That is what Jesus calls great faith.**
 - **His underlying character trait is humility.**

Apparent Purpose of the Miracle

- **Where is the miracle?**
 - **It is back at the house and almost not a part of the miracle story. It certainly doesn't get center stage.**
 - **The truth surrounding the miracles is overwhelming.**
 - **Why is the significance of the centurion building a synagogue?**
 - **This man knew and applied the OT scriptures and recognized the Messiah when he arrived.**

Application: Miracle to Our Life

- Belief in the authority of God’s Word and the sovereignty of God brings results**
- Don’t be critical of people.**
- True faith is demonstrated in a humble approach to God.**
- Jesus doesn’t have to be present for the healing to take place.**