



Chapter 8:5-13

- Matt. 8:5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,
- Matt. 8:6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."
- Matt. 8:7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."
- Matt. 8:8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.
- Matt. 8:9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."
- Matt. 8:10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!
- Matt. 8:11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.
- Matt. 8:12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
- Matt. 8:13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Observations & Discussion

1. Let's start with the hardest question. Matthew tells us that the Centurion personally spoke to Jesus while Luke tells us that the Centurion sent others to represent him. how can you reconcile Matthew and Luke's account of this event?
2. In our study last week Jesus healed a **leper** and in our text this evening Jesus heals the servant of a **Gentile**—both lepers and Gentiles were despised by the Jews! What do you think Jesus was teaching the Jews through these two miracles?
3. In light of your answer to question 2 what does Jesus want to teach you about other people—people who are often mistreated or ignored by others?
4. What was it about the Centurion's faith that caused Jesus to marvel? Is Jesus marveled by your faith? Why or why not? What do you need to do to have a marvelous faith in Jesus?
5. What does this particular miracle demonstrate about Jesus' power & nature?
6. In verses 10-12 Jesus talks about the Kingdom of Heaven. Based on your reading how does a person get to Heaven? What other truths does Jesus reveal about Heaven?