

„Just say the word“

Luke 7:7

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Overview

1. Reading of Luke 7:1-10
2. Setting the scene
3. Synoptic Gospel challenge
4. Main Points:
5. Conclusion and application

Reading Luke 7:1-10

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."

Reading Luke 7:1-10 (part 2)

*And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to you. **But say the word**, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set 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." When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.*

Location



The centurion



Reading Luke 7:1-10

“When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 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. 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.” 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. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 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.”

The centurion

1. a man of humility
2. a man of faith
3. a man of love

A man of humility

1. Requests help
2. Addresses him as “Lord”
3. Not worthy to come to his house

A man of faith

1. A word is enough
2. Authority comes from identity
3. Centurion had a “big God”

What is so amazing about the Centurion's faith?

1. He took Jesus by his word (defined faith)
2. An outsider put his faith in Jesus

A man of love

1. Love in action
2. Does not ask for himself
3. Crosses social barriers
4. Takes a risk
5. Love for Jewish nation/culture/religion

Summary

Centurion united humility, faith and love

What else can we learn from the centurion?

1. Approach God with Humility
2. Talk to a “big God”
3. Take Jesus by His word
4. Pray for others
5. Take a risk
6. A christian heritage is not enough

Last thought

When we depend on organization ...

When we depend on money ...

When we depend on education ...

**.... But when we depend on prayer
and faith, we get what God can do.**