

LESSON 7

APRIL 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Faith of a Centurion

DEVOTIONAL READING: Zechariah 8:18-23

BACKGROUND: Luke 7:1-10

LESSON: Luke 7:1-10

MEMORY VERSE: "That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed." Luke 7:7 NIV

LESSON AIM: To be inspired to have great faith in Jesus.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

BACKGROUND

1. Where were Jesus and His disciples ministering to the people before this week's lesson? Luke 6:12, 17a
2. Who sought out Jesus? Luke 6:17b
3. Why did the people seek Jesus? Luke 6:18-19 [What Jesus taught the people as recorded in Luke 6:20-49 is commonly called the Sermon on the Plain in contrast to Matthew's account (Chapters 5-7), Sermon on the Mount.]

I. THE CENTURION'S REQUEST (LUKE 7:1-5)

4. Where did Jesus go after ministering to the people on a level place in the plain? Locate on a New Testament map. Luke 7:1



5. Whose servant needed Jesus' assistance as He entered Capernaum? Luke 7:2a
6. How did the centurion view his servant? Luke 7:2b
7. What was the condition of the servant? Luke 7:2c

8. What was a centurion? Use a Bible Dictionary.
9. What do you think led the centurion to seek Jesus' assistance? Luke 7:3a (4:31-37)
10. Whom did the centurion send to ask Jesus to help his servant? Why do you think he sent others instead of going himself? Luke 7:3b
11. How did those who sought Jesus on the behalf of the centurion approach Jesus? Luke 7:4a
12. What praise did the Jewish elders give the centurion, a Gentile? Luke 7:4b-5

II. THE CENTURION'S HUMILITY (LUKE 7:6-8)

13. What was Jesus' response to the Jewish elders' request on the behalf of the centurion? Luke 7:6a
14. Whom else did the centurion send to Jesus? Luke 7:6b
15. What did the centurion suggest to Jesus? Why? Luke 7:6c
16. Why did the centurion say he did not go to Jesus personally and request the healing of his servant? Luke 7:7a
17. How did the centurion demonstrate humility? Luke 7:7a
18. What did the centurion believe Jesus was able to do? Luke 7:7b
19. What did the centurion say about his position in the Roman army? Luke 7:8

III. THE CENTURION'S FAITH (LUKE 7:9-10)

20. How did Jesus react to the centurion's approach to Him? Luke 7:9a
21. How did Jesus describe the Gentile centurion's faith? Luke 7:9b
22. How had Jesus described the Jewish people's faith? Mark 6:6
23. How had Jesus described the faith of His disciples? Matthew 8:26
24. What other Gentile did Jesus describe with possessing great faith? Matthew 15:22, 28
25. How do you explain that Gentiles expressed more faith than God's chosen and covenant people?
26. What was the end result of the centurion's request? Luke 7:10