



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Luke 7:1-10 (NAS)

Topic: "The Man Who Amazed Jesus"

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- 1 After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.
- 2 Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him.
- 3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant.
- 4 And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him,
- 5 for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."
- 6 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.
- 7 Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed.
- 8 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."
- 9 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."
- 10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

### **I. THE STORY OF THE CENTURION PROPERLY PLACED**

- A. The Chronology
- B. The Geography
- C. The Theological Example

### **II. IDENTIFYING THE CENTURION**

- A. No Name Given
- B. Gentile—Typically An Enemy Of The Jews
- C. Soldier—To Keep Peace And Support Collection Of Taxes
- D. Contrary To Expectation He Was A Friend To The Jews

E. He Amazed Christ *Mark 6:6*

### **III. HE EXEMPLIFIED THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

- A. He Was A Positive Example
- B. Seen In His Love For His Servant
- C. His Love For The Jews
- D. His Love For God's Word
- E. His Humility
- F. His Repentance *Luke 5:8*
- G. There Was None Like Him *John 20:26-29; Matthew 8:10-13*

### **IV. CONCLUSION:**

- A. He Is An Example For Us
- B. Faith In Practice