

The Man Who Made Jesus Marvel

Luke 7:1-10; Matthew 8:5-13

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Understanding Authority

"And when he heard concerning Jesus ..." Luke 7:3

- ▶ What had he heard? cf. Luke 1:3
- ▶ Peter's mother-in-law. **Luke 4:38-39**
- ▶ Man with leprosy. **Luke 5:12-15**
- ▶ Paralyzed man. **Luke 5:18-25**
- ▶ Man with paralyzed hand. **Luke 6:6-10**
- ▶ Multitudes followed Jesus; Sermon on the Mount; Spoke with authority. **Matthew 7:28-29**

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Understanding Authority

Centurion's servant near death. Luke 7:2ff

- ▶ **Matthew 8:6, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering great pain." NASB**
- ▶ **Matthew 8:6, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." NKJV**

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- ▶ **He Was A Man Of Power Yet Interested In The Lord.** (Luke 7:3,8) cf. Luke 8:14
- ▶ **He Cared About Others.** (Luke 7:2-3)
- ▶ **He cared about the Jews.** (Luke 7:5); Matthew 7:12; Philippians 2:4; Romans 12:15-16, 20-21
- ▶ **He Earned The Respect Of His Neighbors.** (Luke 7:4); 1 Timothy 3:7; 1 Timothy 4:12; Acts 10:2,22

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- ▶ **He Was An Humble Man.** (Luke 7:6-7)
 - Others said he was "**worthy**" (verse 4).
 - He said he was "**not worthy**" (verse 7).
 - Jesus said he had not seen so great a faith even in Israel (verse 9).
- ▶ *"Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips"* (Proverbs 27:2)
- ▶ Proverbs 8:13, *"... Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, And the perverse mouth, do I hate."*
- ▶ Proverbs 11:2, *"When pride cometh, then cometh shame ..."*
- ▶ Proverbs 16:18, *"Pride (goeth) before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."*
- ▶ Romans 12:3,16; 1 Peter 5:5-6

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- ▶ **His Faith Was Great.**
 - He believed in the Lord that he could heal his servant. (Luke 7:3)
 - He believed that the Lord was great and worthy. (Luke 7:6-7)
 - His faith was greater than had been seen in Israel. (Luke 7:9)
- ▶ Our faith must grow and increase. 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Acts 27:25; cf. Hebrews 11:17
- ▶ Let's grow in grace and knowledge. 2 Peter 3:18

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- ▶ **He Respected The Power And Authority Of Jesus.** (Luke 7:6-7) *"say the word ..."*
 - Creation. cf. Psalms 33:6-9
 - Saves. Romans 1:16; James 1:21
 - Keeps us saved. Hebrews 10:39; Acts 20:32

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Contrasts in Faith

Matthew 8:10-12

Centurion

Israel

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| • Great faith. 8:10 | • Little faith. 8:10 |
| • Gentiles included in the kingdom due to faith. 8:11-12 | • Excluded from the kingdom due to lack of faith. 8:12 |
| • Eternal life. 8:12 | • Eternal death. 8:12 |
| • <u>Servant healed. 8:13</u> | |

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- ▶ Luke 7:9, *"And when Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, **I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**"*
- ▶ **Will you submit to the authority of Christ?**
Colossians 3:17; Matthew 7:21
- ▶ What would the Lord say about your faith?

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