

MATTHEW

February 6, 2022

Matthew 8:5-13

READ

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

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Do you have any assumptions about the centurion? What kind of man is he?

Does the Gospel of Luke add anything pertinent to his character (Luke 7:4-5)?

2. What do we know about the servant (v. 6; c.f., Luke 7:2)? (How serious is his condition?)

What can we infer about the relationship between the centurion and his servant?

3. Is there anything notable about how the centurion approaches Jesus with the need (vv. 5-6)?

Can the centurion teach us anything in approaching the throne of grace? (Be specific.)

4. How does Luke's account differ when describing the centurion's request (Luke 7:3-5)?

How is this to be reconciled with Matthew's presentation?

5. How does the centurion respond to Jesus' offer (vv. 7-8)?

How does Luke's account differ here (Luke 7:6-7)?

Are there times when you do not feel worthy to be in the presence of Jesus? (What are the contributing factors? What is going on at such times?)

6. What is the centurion's understanding of authority (v. 9)? How does this apply to Jesus?

7. Describe the impact of the centurion's explanation on Jesus (v. 10)? Why is this significant?

8. Identify the eternal order of things for two groups of people (vv. 11-12)? (How are they pictured? Why this imagery? Who do they include?)

9. How does Jesus heal the servant in contrast to His cleansing of the leper (vv. 3, 13)? What does that tell you?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will approach the throne of grace this week with . . .

I will press my faith this week by . . .