

Person - The Centurion's Servant

When Jesus had finished the Sermon on the Mount, he went to Capernaum.

In Capernaum there was an important Centurion (a Roman soldier, a captain in the Roman army.)

The Centurion had a servant that he cared about very much. The servant was very sick and about to die. We don't know exactly what was wrong with the servant, the Bible just tells us that he was very sick and about to die, with the palsy. (incurable) (paralysis)

When the Centurion heard that Jesus was near, he sent some of the leaders of the Jews to go ask Jesus if He would come and heal his servant.

When the Jewish leaders asked Jesus to heal the Centurion's servant, they started telling Jesus all about the important things the Centurion had done. They were trying to show Jesus that the Centurion was so good that he deserved help from Jesus.

Jesus went with the leaders.

When he got very near the Centurion's house, the Centurion sent some of his friends out to give Jesus a message.

This was the message from the Centurion to Jesus, "Lord, don't go to all this trouble, I am not worthy that you should even come in my house. And I know I'm not worthy to come talk to you myself. Just say the words and my servant will be healed."

"I am a man with authority, too. I understand telling people to do things and they do them."

When Jesus heard what the Centurion said, He was amazed at how much faith the Centurion had. Jesus said, "I haven't found this kind of faith in Israel."

When they came back to the Centurion's house, they found out that the servant had been healed completely at the very time they had spoken with Jesus.