

THE FAITH OF THE CENTURION

Luke 7:1-17

Key Verse: 7:9

"When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.'"

Study Questions:

1. What was special about the centurion's attitude toward his sick servant? What did he do? What does this show about him? What living hope did he find in Jesus?
2. How did the Jewish elders regard this centurion? What request did he make through them? How did Jesus respond? Why was Jesus ready to help this Gentile? (1 Jn 4:7,8)
3. Read verses 6-8. Why did the centurion change his mind and send another request to Jesus? What was his attitude toward the word of Jesus? What had he learned through being a soldier? How and why did Jesus praise his faith?
4. Read verses 11-17. Contrast the two processions that met just outside the town of Nain. Why was Jesus' procession so joyful? Why did Jesus' heart go out to this weeping woman?
5. What did Jesus say and do? What did he reveal about himself in this? (Jn 11:25,26; Jn 3:16) What was the people's response? What did they realize about Jesus?