

HE TOOK UP OUR INFIRMITIES

Matthew 8:1-17

Key Verse: 8:17b

1. Read verses 1 and 2. What had Jesus been doing on the mountainside? Why did the crowds follow him? Who came to him with what request? What did this man believe? What was he not sure about? Why?
2. Read verse 3. How did Jesus respond to this man? How did this response defy people's opinion about lepers? What happened? What does this event tell us about Jesus. Read verse 4. What did Jesus tell the man to do? Why?
3. Read verses 5-7. Who came to Jesus as he entered Capernaum? What was his problem? Who were centurions and what was generally their attitude toward people? How was this centurion different?
4. Read verses 8-9. What did Jesus offer to do? (7) What was the centurion's counter proposal? Why? What was his attitude toward Jesus' word? Why?
5. Read verses 10-13. How did Jesus praise this man's faith? How did he compare him with God's chosen people? Why? What did Jesus do for him?
6. Read verses 14-17. What else did Jesus do in Capernaum? Compare and contrast the individuals Jesus helped in this chapter. How did Matthew describe and view Jesus' healing ministry? What does this chapter teach us about Jesus? About faith?