



“The Centurion - Luke 7”

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Rules of Interpretation: Almost as important as the rules of Bible interpretation, are your basic assumptions. When any study the Bible..the skeptic generally starts with the assumption that there are errors in the Bible, and it is the skeptic's role to find these. The objective Christian (on the other hand) accepts that there might appear to be errors or contradictions in the Bible, but starts with the assumption that the Bible is God's word and is not a lie, and thus what may appear as difficulties, given enough information, these can not only be resolved but shown consistent with all logic, history and science....as it is written- "God's word is truth" Jn. 17:3

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2 Timothy 3:^{16,17} “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Bible Reading- Luke 7:1-10but is not this same account found in Matt 8:5-10, and some feel that this account is also relayed by John in John 4: 43-54.....when we compare these three...we find that Lukes and Matthews accounts match, but there are too many discrepancies with John 4 to suggest that this is a parallel passage of the same miracle....

Luke 7: 1-10

¹ Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

² **And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.**

³ **So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.**

⁴ **And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,⁵ "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."**

Mt. 8:5-10

⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum,

a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

⁷ And Jesus said to him, **"I will come and heal him."**

⁶ Then Jesus went with them.

And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him,

"Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You.

But say the word, and my servant will be healed.⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, **and turned around and** said to the crowd that followed Him, "**I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**"

⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.

But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "**Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**"

¹⁰ And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

¹¹ And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you."

And his servant was healed that same hour.

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A Gentile, a soldier, a Conqueror...a dog.



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4. His Dear Friend had an answer. (Lk 4:33, 38, 5:6, 25, 6:10)...now 7:1 (demon, mother in L, fish, paralyzed, withered hand)

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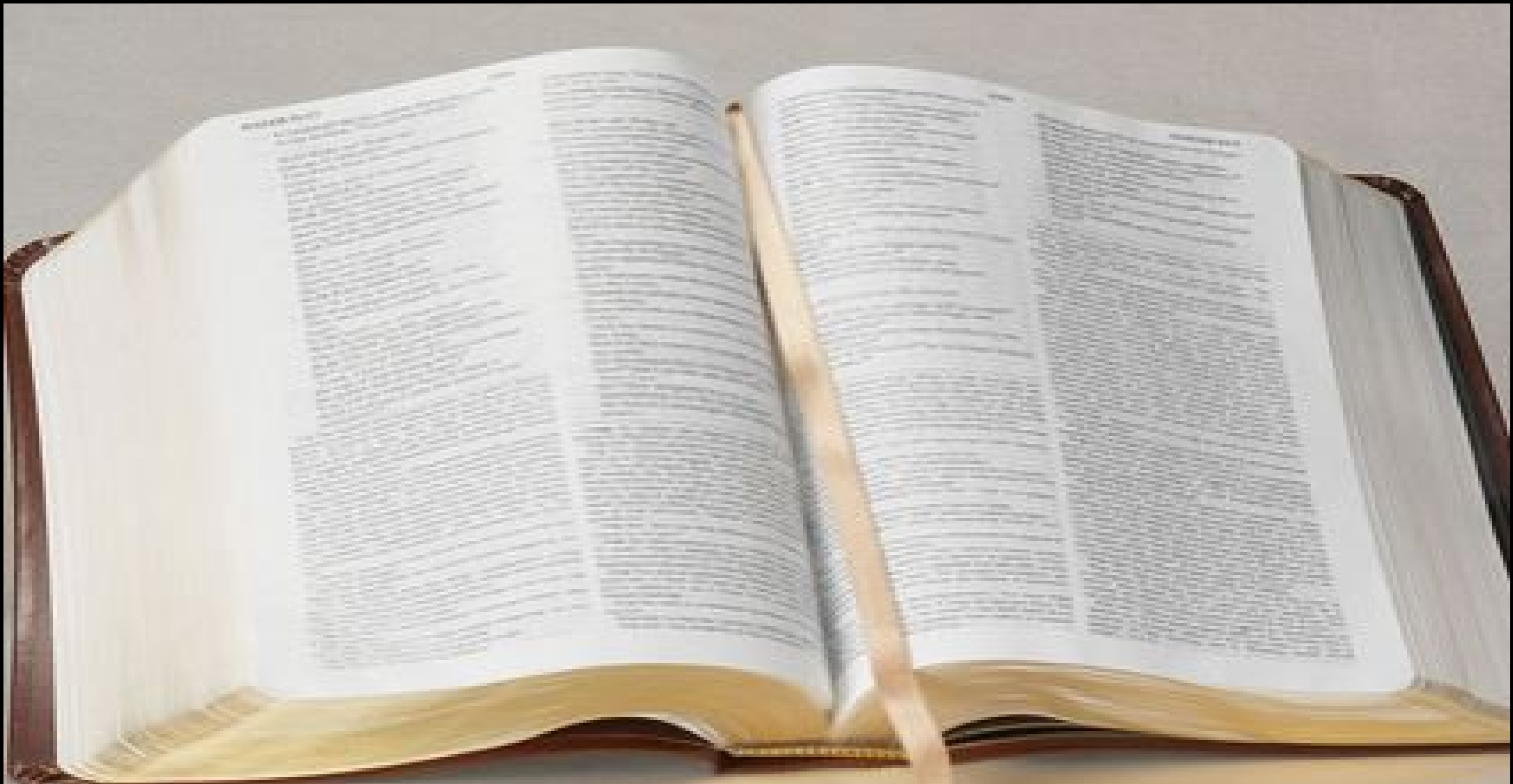
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3.



"What has Jesus said about salvation?"





Servant healed
that same hour!
(instantly...just like salvation)



Mt. 18:3 “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Luke 18:16 “But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

Matt. 2:11 And when... they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts...

Matt. 8:2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Matt. 9:18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

Matt. 14:33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

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Found Servant well!

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 5:6-8

Examples of Modern day love of Jesus”



On the night of January 22, 1999, Graham Staines had attended a jungle camp, an annual gathering of Christians designed to strengthen and teach local believers. Graham had been accused by Hindus of the Parivar of being a zealous evangelical. On that night in Jan. 22, 1999 Graham and his two sons, Philip (9) and Timothy (7) were sleeping in the station wagon in Orissa. An mob set fire to Staine's vehicle, and he and his sons died in the ensuing flames.

Radical Change!”



Luke 9: 57 On the road someone asked if he could go along. “I’ll go with you, wherever,” he said. 58 Jesus was curt: “Are you ready to rough it? We’re not staying in the best inns, you know.” Jesus said to another, “Follow Me.



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16: 30,31)

