

*TO HELP US STUDY*

1. What is a centurion? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was wrong with the soldier's slave? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whom did the soldier send to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to these men, what kind of man was the centurion? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What had the soldier done for the Jewish people? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Before Jesus got to the centurion's home, he sent Jesus a message saying, "I do not \_\_\_\_\_  
to have you come under my \_\_\_\_\_."
7. When the centurion gave orders to his men, what always happened? \_\_\_\_\_
8. So he told Jesus, "Just say the \_\_\_\_\_, and my servant will be \_\_\_\_\_."
9. Jesus said about the soldier, "I have not found such great \_\_\_\_\_ even in \_\_\_\_\_."
10. Was Jesus able to make the man well without going to his house? \_\_\_\_\_

*TO HELP US REMEMBER:* *Young ones*—Luke 7:9, "I have not found such great faith even in Israel."  
*Older ones*—Matthew 8:8-9

*TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT*

How many other cases can you find where Jesus worked miracles in places where he was not present? List them on the back of this page.

*TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS*

Perhaps you will notice that this story is recorded in Matthew *before* the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. You may wonder why we are studying it afterwards.

As we study the life of Christ we soon discover that Matthew did not write his Gospel in chronological order. He grouped events in Jesus' life by subject or by type of teaching (such as a whole chapter of parables in Matthew 13). The other Gospel writers stick more carefully to the order of events as they happened in our Lord's life. First he went here, then there, and so forth.

How do we know where the events of Matthew come in Jesus' life. It is not always easy to tell. Sometimes, in fact, it is impossible. But by comparing all the Gospels closely, Bible readers have been able to list most of the events in the order they happened. Books called "harmonies" of the Gospels have been written, listing the events of all four Gospels in order. Whenever we study the life of Christ, we can refer to one of these books to find out which event probably came before another.

This is why we appear to be skipping around from one place to another in the Gospels as we study Jesus' life and ministry. We're trying to do it chronologically.

*FOR ADULT STUDY:* Jn 4:46-54; 1:44-51; Mt 17:24; Lk 17:12-19.