

Lesson Guide 22 – The Life of Jesus

(Centurion's Servant Healed/Widow of Nain)

Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-17

Pre-class Activity – Class Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: **Johnny**, Who Am I: **Samson**)

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Prayer Requests

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Concern
- Grow up to be like Jesus

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Centurion's Servant Healed

- Centurion comes to Jesus with request for his servant.
A Roman military officer, corresponding to our captain. All Palestine was under Roman military government at this time, with headquarters at Caesarea, and soldiers in every leading town. He was, of course, a Gentile.
- Centurion states that he is not worthy to have Jesus come under his roof.
Rigid Jews did not interact with Gentiles, and the centurion may have supposed that so holy a Jewish teacher as Jesus would hesitate to come under his roof.

3-8

- Jesus is astonished at the faith of the centurion.
- Jesus tells of a great feast in heaven and that many will attend from the east and west.

The terms, "the east and the west," the extreme points of the compass, are taken to indicate the regions that are far away, the whole world. The Lord means not only those who are geographically far away from Israel, but those who have been far away spiritually, Gentiles as well as Jews. Those who reject Jesus, including the Jews, will be cast out.

- The centurion's servant is healed by Jesus.
- When the centurion returns home he finds his servant was healed at the very hour Jesus spoke.

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Widow of Nain

- Jesus encounters the dead son of a widow at the town gate of Nain.
- When Jesus saw the widow he had compassion for her.
- Jesus raises the widow's son from the dead.
- The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.
- Those present for the miracle are filled with awe.

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Discussion Question

How do you think you would have responded if you had witnessed the miracle of Jesus raising this boy from the dead?