



# Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022



### Take your Pulse

What gave you great rest today?

What is a concern you need to pray about today?

### Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 8

The ministry of Jesus' healing is listed here in Chapter 8 through a series of vignettes, short stories of Jesus interacting with those who need healing. Some he physically touches, for others, Jesus just says the word and healing is experienced. These healing stories combined with Jesus calming the storm demonstrate Jesus' full authority. It is not just in preaching, as in the sermon on the mount, that Jesus has authority. Jesus has authority over the human body and nature itself.



### Start the Thinking

The centurion is a fascinating case study on what it means to have faith. He has authority to speak, and those under his authority obey. The centurion acknowledges that Jesus is the same. When he speaks to those under his authority, they obey. How do we experience Jesus speaking and his followers obeying today?



### Conversing with God

God of all creation, you brought order out of chaos, and yet chaos still has a place within creation. Storms rage, diseases thrive, and many days we see demons running amok in our lives. Center us in your order once more, let the chaos subside. Help us to fully experience your Kingdom of freedom. In Jesus holy name we pray. Amen



### Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen