



When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.



For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.



I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.





The Outsider's Position A ROMAN CENTURION

...a centurion came to him, asking for help

Instrument of Israel's Oppression

A Gentile

Something Different Devout, Kind, Humble

He Calls Jesus, Lord





The Outsider's Confidence THE WORD OF AUTHORITY

...just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Others Centered Concern for his Servant

The Word of Jesus was the Authority of the Almighty

Submit to the Greater Authority





The Outsider's Opportunity A SEAT AT THE TABLE

...many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast...

Gentiles in the Kingdom of Heaven

Opportunity for Outsiders Warning to Insiders

Hint of Heaven & Reality of Hell





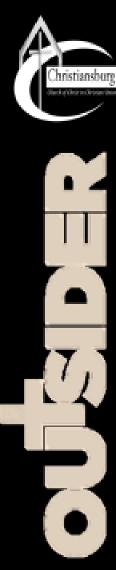
The Outsider's Answer BECAUSE YOU BELIEVED

"Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would."

Your Servant is Healed From a Distance

You Trusted the Right Source

Have Confidence: I know the One in Whom my Faith is Set



That Jesus is the Ultimate Authority That Jesus is Your Authority That You Have a Seat at the Table

Place Your Future in His Hands With Confidence

"Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would."