

## Matthew #2 (8:5-17)

### I. The Healing of the Centurion's Servant - Vs. 5-13

A. Word "servant" could be "Son" -but Luke's account (7:2) says "servant"

B. Is there a contradiction in accounts? Compare with Luke 7:1 - 10

1. Does the centurion come himself( Matthew) or send others (Luke)?
  - a. Possible that Matthew omits the sending of the first delegation
  - b. Or what is done by agents is looked upon as being done by person
    1. John 4:1, 2; John 19:1 (Augustine and John Knox taught this)

C. The story takes place at Capernaum- Important city in Gospels

1. Jesus lived there-Mt.4:23; 11:23; Lu. 4:23-Many miracles done there

D. Matthew most Jewish Gospel- but positively talks of Gentiles (2:1-12)

1. Teaches that kingdom is opening to Gentiles (Vs. 11, 12; Gal. 3:28)
2. V. 7 may be question- Should I a Jew, come to a Gentile's House?
3. This is similar to healing in 15:22-28 (Canaanite Woman's daughter)
  - a. Both Gentiles coming for someone else not present
  - b. In both accounts Christ says something to discourage them -15:26
  - c. Both respond to this in great faith that Jesus recognizes -15:27, 28

E. Also a Centurion- They seem to be favorably viewed in the Bible

1. Matt. 27:54; Acts 10 (Cornelius); Acts 22:26, 27; 27:42, 43

F. Centurion is picture to us as how sinners are to approach Savior

1. Recognize we are unworthy (Luke 7:4 with 7:7) Lu. 18:13; 5:8
2. Recognize that Jesus is God -Believe He has power in Speaking-8:8
3. Come to Him in faith (8:10- Hebrews 11:6) - Believe He can save
  - a. Knows that authority comes from being under authority- Jn 5:19

G. Then we must notice the response of Christ in all of this

1. First again says "I will" (8:7 with 8:3) Christ never says "I will not"
2. V. 10- Says that "He marveled" - Some say limits of incarnation
  - a. But possibly a reaction so disciples would take note

H. The condition of man being healed pictures our helplessness in sin

1. Nothing we can do of ourselves (Rom. 5:6; Gen. 3:7 with. Is. 64:6)

I. Vs. 11-12-First teaching of Jesus of Gentiles inclusion in kingdom

1. This is taught in the Old Testament - Isaiah 2:1 - 5
2. Children of Kingdom cast out- but not children of the King
  - a. Into "outer darkness" Matt 22:13; 25:30- Gnashing of teeth
  - b. Weeping is literally "The weeping" - weeping like no other

II. The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law - (Vs. 14-15)

A. Shows that Peter was married (I Cor. 9:5) - if the "first pope"

B. Sick of fever- Perhaps malaria - Christ heals by His touch

1. First miracle by touch, second by word, third by touch

C. After healing she ministers- This is response to Christ's mercy

D. Only healing recorded by Matthew where Christ takes initiative

III. Other Miracles and the Fulfillment of Prophecy (Vs. 16, 17)

A. This is at Sundown- Sabbath has now ended -lawful to carry sick

1. Matthew looks at this as fulfillment of Is. 53:4 (Quotes Hebrew)
2. "Bore" could either mean to "carry" or "Carry away"(probable)

Conclusion: 3 levels of diseases- different levels of sin- but all are sinners