

COME TO JESUS (Matthew 8:5-13)

INTRODUCTION

- In Matthew **chapter 5-7**
- In Matthew **chapter 8**

3 unlikely types of people:

A leper, a Gentile and a woman

Jesus healing the centurion's servant
(Matt. 8:5-13)



The Parallel Account (Luke 7:1-10)

Matthew - *the centurion came to Jesus.*

Luke - *the centurion sent the Jewish elders to speak to Jesus.*

Luke *focuses more the way the centurion communicated with Christ.*

Matthew *focuses more on Jesus' teaching about faith and about Gentiles in the kingdom.*



I. We can come to Jesus for Help

Matthew 8:5-7

5 *When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.*

6 *“Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering.”*

7 *Jesus said to him, “I will go and heal him.”*

John 1:12

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”



Matt 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Heb 4:14-16

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

16 Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



**A. We can come to Jesus
on behalf of others**

**B. We must know that Jesus
is willing to help**

Jesus says, *“I will go and heal him”* (Matt. 8:7)

He is both willing and able to help us.



II. We must come to Jesus in Humility (Matt. 8:8-9)

Matthew 8:8-9

- 8** *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.*
- 9** *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.”*

A. We need to recognize who we are

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)

B. We need to recognize who Jesus is

“Just say the word, and my servant will be healed.” (Matt. 8:8)

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.” (Romans 13:1)

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matt. 28:18)



III. We must come to Jesus **in Faith (Matt.8:10-12)**


Matthew 8:10

“I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”

A. We need faith in order to please God

Hebrews 11:6

“without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”



B. We need faith in order to be saved

Matthew 8:11-12

11 *“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.”*

12 *“But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*



Isaiah 49:12

“See, they will come from afar – some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan.”

Romans 4:13-16

“It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise ... but through the righteousness that comes by faith.... Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace.”



Ephesians 2:8-9:

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”



IV. The Result of Coming to Jesus

(Matt. 8:13)

Matthew 8:13

13 *Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that very hour.*

A. Jesus will respond according to our faith in Him

B. Jesus will show us more than what we ask from Him



CONCLUSION

1. We can come to Jesus and seek help from Him

James 5:13-15

13 Is anyone among you in trouble?

Let them pray. Is anyone happy?

Let them sing songs of praise.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.



2. We must come to Jesus in Faith

How to build our faith?

- 1) We learn about the Lord from the word of God.
- 2) We see the faith lived out by genuine believers.

Developing a strong faith usually involves all that is connected with spiritual growth...in the word of God, by the power of the Spirit of God, under the influence of the saints of God, and through a personal relationship with God.