



A Friend of Believers

Jesus: Savior & Friend – Part 1

Luke 7:1-10

We begin a new series of messages today on Jesus, our Savior and friend. In chapter 7 of Luke's gospel, a Roman centurion became a friend of Jesus because he chose to believe in him. This centurion really pleased the Lord because of his great faith. Let's look closely at the story and then learn some helpful lessons about believing and trusting in Christ as our friend.

I. The _____ of the centurion. (7:1-8)

- A. He was an _____ man. (vv. 4-5)
- B. He was a _____ man. (v. 2)
- C. He was a _____ man. (v. 6)
- D. He was a _____ man. (vv. 7-8)

II. The _____ of Jesus. (7:9-10)

- A. There are only two times in scripture where it says Jesus was _____ . (Lk 7:9; Mk 6:6)
- B. Jesus helped because the man had such great _____ .
- C. Jesus responded to this man's faith with _____ . (v. 10)

III. The lessons for us about _____ .

- A. Faith is believing what you cannot _____ or _____ .
(Heb 11:1; Ps 19:1; Ro 1:20)
- B. Faith requires a _____ . (Acts 19:9)

** Two reasons people choose not to believe:
 - 1. _____ pride. (Ps 10:4)
 - 2. _____ rebellion. (Jn 3:19)
- C. Faith is measured by _____ and increased by _____ .
(Matt 8:26; Lk 17:6; Mk 9:23-24; Ja 2:26)
- D. Genuine faith is always _____ by God, in his _____ .
(Heb 11:6; 2 Cor 4:18)