

Luke 7:1-10



he entered Capernaum



There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.

Is this unusual ?



The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant.

What had he heard?

Matthew cuts out the middle men



Three opinions



- 1, The people and the leaders
- 2, His own
- 3, Jesus' opinion

Three opinions



When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves (*is worthy*) to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

Three opinions



So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you."

Three opinions

I did not even consider myself *worthy* to come to you.



Why did he think that?

Three opinions

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 at him,

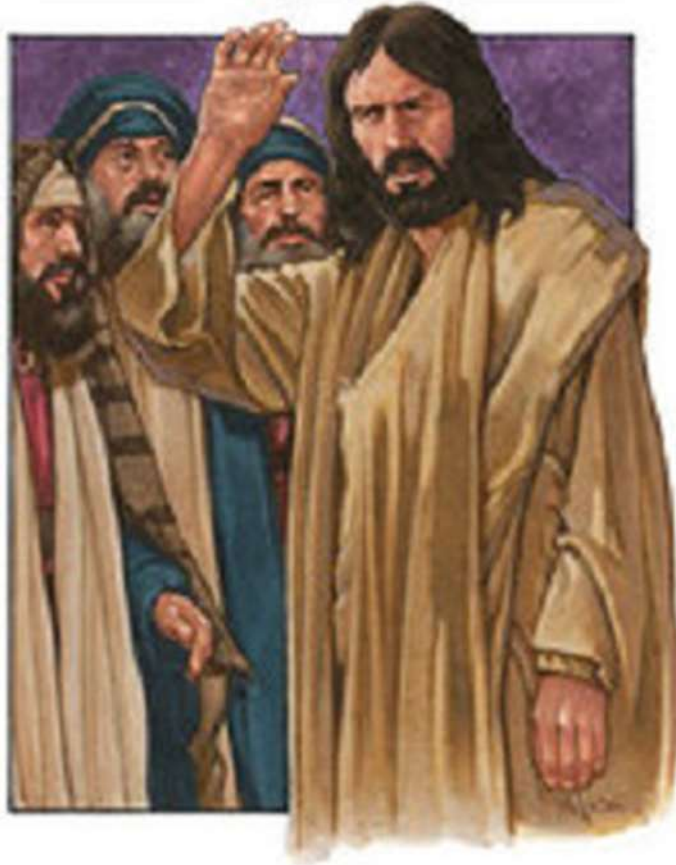


Jesus was amazed (only 2 occasions)
at :-

***** his faith *****

** his application of authority structures **

Jesus said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."



A testimony to God's grace to this gentile man!

Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well

**No 'word' was said
but the servant was healed !**

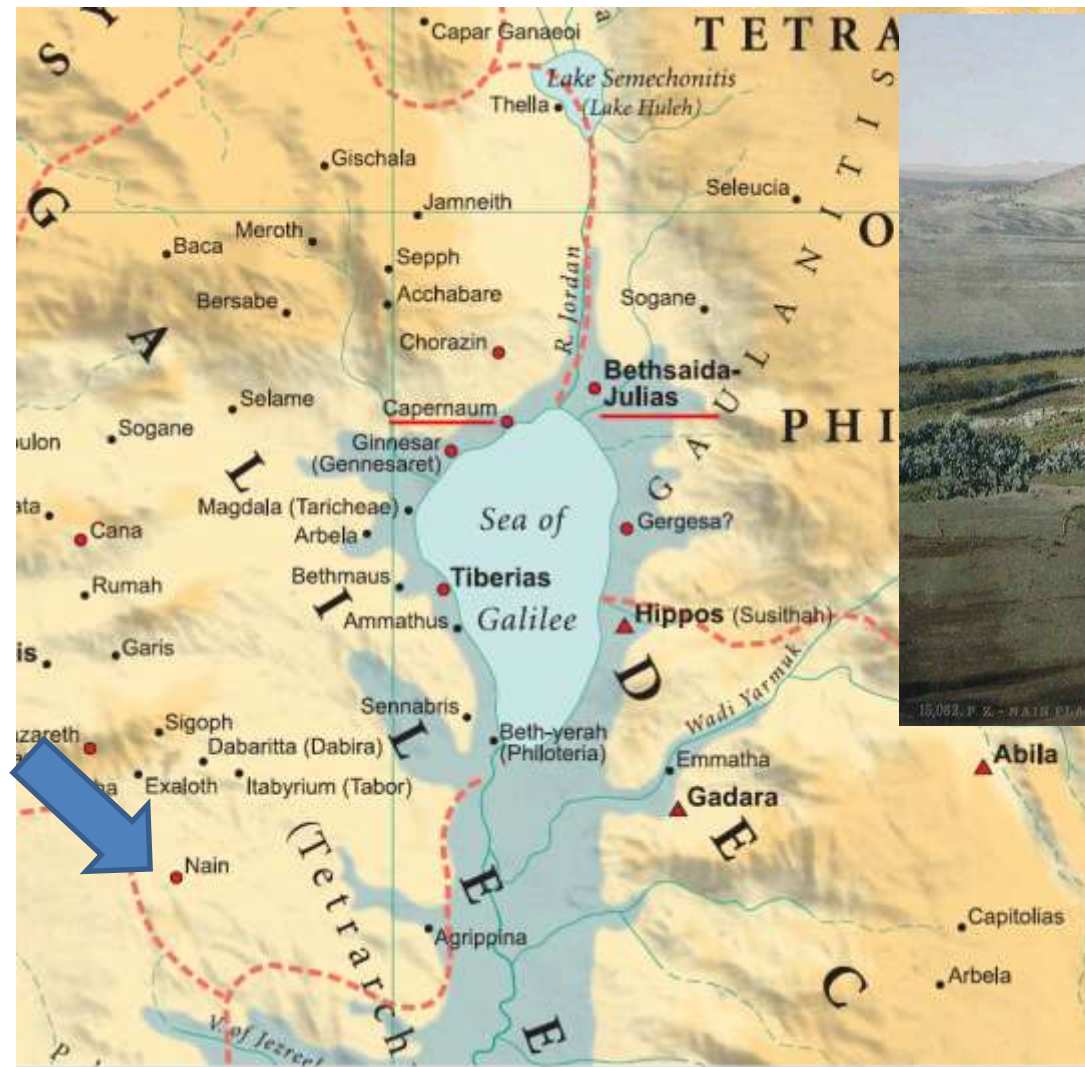
**What does this show
about God's response
to believing prayer for others?**



Luke 7:11-17



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Two processions



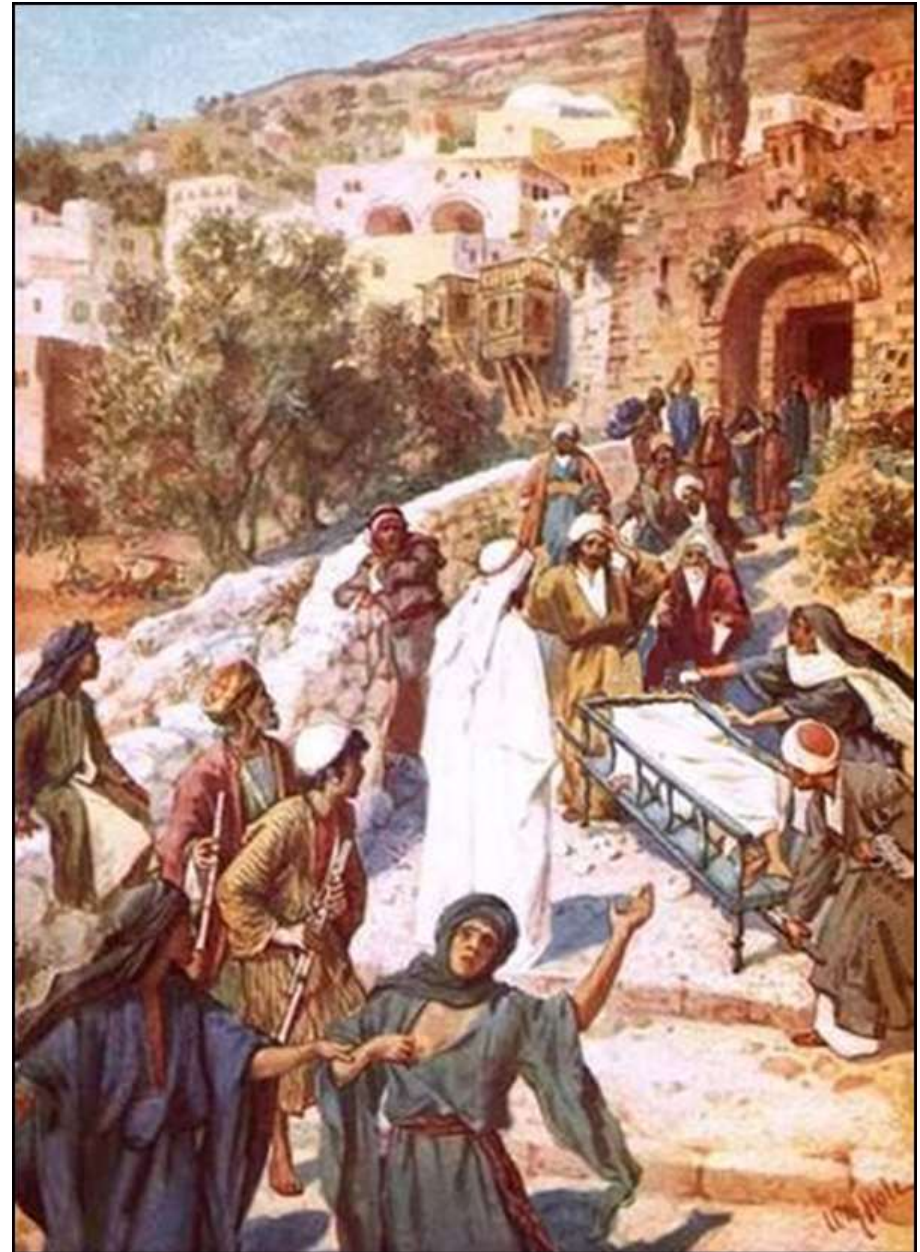
Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out

Two tragedies

-the only son of his mother,
and she was a widow



And a large crowd from the town was with her.
When the Lord saw her,
his heart went out to her





and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still.

Expecting sympathy?

He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"
The dead man sat up and began to talk,



***He talks to dead people (Jairus' daughter, Lazarus)
And they hear!***

Restored!



and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

What did they see ?



They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

**A prophet ?
God's visit ?**

---- Emmanuel ----

Word gets around !



This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Two things to which Jesus responds

shown by these two stories



our faith

our need