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Luke 7:1-10

Jesus Made a Servant Well

1 Jesus finished saying all these things to the people. Then he went into Capernaum. 2 The servant of a Roman army officer was very sick — near death. The officer loved that servant very much. 3 When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him to ask Jesus to come and save the life of his servant. 4 When the men came to Jesus, they begged him earnestly, “This officer deserves to have your help. 5 He built the synagogue for us; he loves our people.”

6 So, Jesus went with the men. He was coming near to the officer’s house when the officer sent friends to tell him, “Lord, don’t bother to come into my house. I am NOT worthy to be with you! 7 That is why I did NOT come to you myself. Just give the order and my servant-boy will be healed. 8 I, too, am a person under authority, and I have soldiers below me whom I command. I can say to one, ‘Go!’ and he goes. I can say to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes. Or, if I say to my servant, ‘Do this!’ he does it.”

9 Jesus heard this. He knew that the man was admirable. Jesus turned to the crowd that was following him. He said, “I tell you, I have not found this much faith anywhere — not even in Israel!”

10 The group that was sent to Jesus went back to the house. They found that the servant was made well.