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Jesus' Power to Heal

Introduction

All of us have to deal with p_____, suffering, and death, and learning how to c_____ with these things is part of our life. How we deal with these things is based on our understanding and b_____ about its cause, and what the ultimate remedy for it is. Throughout the Gospels, we see how Jesus Christ dealt with these things.

The Faith of the Centurion

(Luke 7:1-10)

The response of the centurion to Jesus coming to heal his slave showed:

- Recognition of his own u_____ before Jesus
- Recognition of Jesus' a_____ to heal

Jesus was a_____ at the centurion's faith, and responded by healing the sick slave.

The Compassion of Jesus

(Luke 7:11-17; 1 Peter 5:6-11)

Jesus' felt compassion for the mother that had just lost her o_____ son. Not only did He feel compassion for her, but He expressed words of c_____ to her, and then commanded the dead man to "arise!" Note that it was neither the mother's or the son's faith that brought about this miracle. It was purely Jesus' compassion and authority to heal and even bring back to l_____ the dead.

Things to Ponder This Week

How do you deal with pain, suffering, and death? What is your understanding of why there is pain, suffering, and death, in the world we live in? How does faith in Jesus Christ, and the promises made in the Bible, help you in dealing with the difficulties of this world?

Based on Luke 7:1-10, how did the centurion go about asking Jesus to heal his slave? What amazed Jesus about this centurion? When you have a need or ailment, do you go straight way to Jesus to seek His help? Why or why not? How does your faith in Jesus motivate you to seek Him with any and all of your concerns?

Based on Luke 7:11-17, what do we learn about how Jesus sees our needs? What do we learn from Jesus' care and concern for the woman who lost her son? Do you believe that Jesus cares for you? Take time to cast all your concerns upon Jesus, and seek His compassion and comfort. Take time to pray for your friends and family who need Jesus' comfort.

Next Sunday, we will continue our study of the Gospel of Luke by looking at "Struggling to Understand Jesus". Prayerfully read Luke 7:18-35, and consider why John the Baptist asked Jesus the question he did. Ponder also how and why Jesus answered in the way He did.