

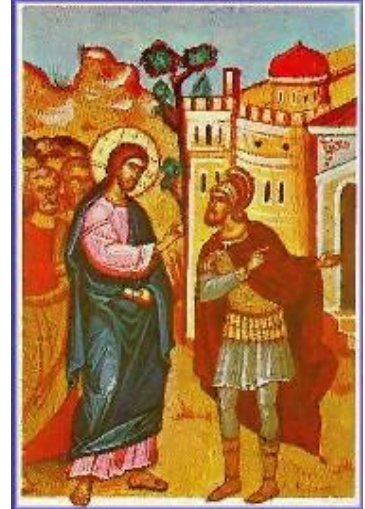
## **The Healing of the Centurion's Servant** (Luke 7: 1-10)

**Verse to memorize** : (James 4: 10)

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."*

### **The Miracle** :

A Roman Centurion (officer or captain over 100 soldiers) had a servant who was very dear to him. This servant was very sick and about to die. When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to ask Him to come and heal his servant. They came to Jesus and begged Him earnestly: "This man really deserves your help. He loves our people. He, himself, built a synagogue for us."



So, Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house, when the officer sent friends to tell Him: "Sir, don't trouble yourself. I do not deserve to have you come to my house, neither do I consider myself worthy to come to you in person. Just give the order, and my servant will get well. I, too, am a man placed under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one to go and he goes and this one to come and he comes."

When Jesus heard this, He was surprised. He turned round and said to the crowd following him: "I tell you, I have never found faith like this, not even in Israel!"

The messengers went back to the officer's house and found his servant well.

### **Notes on this Miracle** :

- The Officer:
  - Was a loving person: he loved the people and his servant, and he built the synagogue for the Jews.
  - Was humble: despite being a Roman officer, he spoke to Jesus very politely: Sir – I do not deserve – I am not worthy.
  - Had great faith in Jesus.
- The Result: The officer was rewarded:
  - His servant was cured
  - Jesus praised him in front of the crowd
- Note the effect of the intercession:
  - The Jewish elder asked Jesus to go to the officer's house to heal his servant. And Jesus went with them.
  - Jesus cured the servant because of the request and faith of the officer.