

Sunday School Live Lesson

July 5, 2026

The Believing Centurion

Matthew 8:5-13

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Instructor: Ralph Gordon

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Amos, the Courageous Prophet

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Amos 1:11; 2:11-12; 3:7-8; 7:10-15

Instructor: Rev. Annette Peoples

Next Week's Sunday School Live Lesson

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Simon Peter, the Restored Disciple

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**Mark 8:27-29; Luke 22:31-34;
John 18:25-27; 21:15-17**

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bonita Kitt

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Question To Consider

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How strong is your faith in Jesus?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand and internalize God's messages for us today through this passage of Scripture in the Gospel According to Matthew.

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Centurion

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Points of Information – Matthew

Matthew, whose original name was Levi, had been a tax collector (publican). The people despised these representatives of the empire who additionally cheated folks out of more money for their own pockets.

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Jesus called Levi / Matthew from the tax collector's table and had him to become a devoted disciple.

Points of Information – Matthew

The first Gospel in our Bibles is ascribed to the hand of Matthew. His target audience consisted primarily of Jews. Particularly for them, he described Jesus as the Messiah – the Son of David and as a descendant of Abraham.

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The Gospel according to Matthew is the first of three Synoptic Gospels (including Mark and Luke) – Biblical Books with very similar content, points of view and sequence.

Points of Information – Centurion

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A centurion was a Roman officer in command of 100 soldiers.

This Roman career soldier was a Gentile.

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In the prior passages of the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus has given the Sermon on the Mount and healed a leper.

Now, Jesus has established a base for His ministry in Capernaum.

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Although not yet occupied by the Romans, the Empire had set up a military camp in Capernaum, which was overseen by a centurion.

Matthew 8:5 [NIV]

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, asking for help.

Matthew 8:6 [NIV]

“Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

Matthew 8:7 [NIV]

Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”

Matthew 8:8 [NIV]

The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have You come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Matthew 8:9 [NIV]

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.”

Matthew 8:10 [NIV]

When Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those following Him,
“Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

Matthew 8:11 [NIV]

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 8:12 [NIV]

But the subjects of the Kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 8:13 [NIV]

Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

Remember These Things:

Let us remember what Hebrews 11:1 says as it defines faith:

“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.” New Living Translation

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