

- 1] The beginning of Jesus ministry
- 2] Called together disciples chosen 12, addressed them all (6:12-20)
- 3] Upside down kingdom – ‘blessed are you who are poor’. (6:20ff)

MP *Real faith in Jesus is open to all and acknowledges that He is Lord of everything.*

KV *‘But say the Word and my servant will be healed’ (7b)*

The ‘introduction’ (1-6)

- 1] When he had finished saying all these things (1)

Nb There is a connection between teaching and incident in Capernaum

Had entered Capernaum at very start of ministry (4:31ff)

Jesus is not afraid to be in worldly / ‘compromising’ places!

- 2] Centurion’s servant (2)

a) Centurion cf captain/major

a) lit ‘a slave’ –a ‘living tool’- had right of life or death (cf a dog)

b) ‘Valued’ - (not monetary) = ‘honoured/esteemed’

c) ‘About to die’ = dying!

- 3] The delegation (3)

a) ‘elders of the Jews’

nb only in NT once (Acts 25:15) elders in Jerusalem

b) Request –for servant, for centurion, for Jesus

nb Amazing!!!

Faith come by hearing’ of Jesus’

- 4] The approach (4,5)

a) pleaded earnestly – sincerely

b) this man ‘deserves’ (lit ‘is holy’)

cf ‘consecrated to the Lord’ (Lk 2:23)

c) Loves nation / Has built synagogue

Nb Jesus been there at very start of ministry (Lk 4:33)

Real faith acknowledges God amongst His people

- 5] Jesus went with them (6a)

Jesus ‘goes with us’ when we humbly come to him

The encounter (6b -8)

- 1] Not far from the house / friends (not elders)

? a change in plan?

- 2] ‘Lord’

Nb in Luke used only of God / Jesus

3] Don't deserve / not worthy

Nb different words from (4b) – means 'equal to' / sufficient

True faith depends on no rights before God

4] Say the Word and my servant will be healed (7b, 8)

a) dependent on Word

God controls all sickness (everything) by His powerful Word

b) Power over sickness / death --- All things

ie (Mt 28:18)

cf His control of His subjects by His words (8)

All authority belongs to Jesus.

Jesus is willing to heal folk on the request of the faithful

Jesus' reaction (9)

1] Jesus is amazed

Nb all other references in Lk the people are amazed at him (4:36; 5:26 etc)

It is possible to amaze God!

2] to the crowd (no mention of 'saying the Word?')

Nb Luke's focus is on Jesus' words to the crowd

IE this rich, powerful BUT humble, believing Non Jew HAS GOT IT!!!

Ending (10)

1] The men returned

Nb focus on gentiles?

2] Found the servant well

Nb Jesus has 'said the Word!'

* When you have asked Jesus for something, 'return to the house' and see what He has done!*

Conclusion

1] Recognise real faith in Jesus

2] Acknowledge the place of the gentiles in Jesus' community / the church.