

# Matthew 8:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

## Analysis

Jesus' response—'I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel'—is both commendation and rebuke. The Gentile centurion exhibited greater faith than Jesus' own people. This prepares for Jesus' statement (vv. 11-12) about Gentiles entering the kingdom while many Jews are excluded. Faith, not ethnicity or religious heritage, determines kingdom entrance. The centurion's faith combined humility, authority-understanding, and confidence in Jesus' word.

## Historical Context

This would shock Jewish hearers expecting the kingdom for Abraham's descendants. Jesus contrasts the centurion's faith with Israel's unbelief despite centuries of revelation. This foreshadows the gospel going to Gentiles (Romans 11).

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does the centurion's faith challenge your own trust in Jesus' word?
2. What does this passage teach about the danger of presuming on religious heritage?

## Interlinear Text

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heard When G3588 Jesus it he marvelled and said G3588  
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ἀκολούθοιςιν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ  
to them that followed Verily I say unto you no not in G3588 Israel  
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τοσαύτην πίστιν εὗρον  
so great faith I have  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 15:28** (Faith): Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

**Luke 7:9** (Faith): When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

**Mark 6:6** (Parallel theme): And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

**Luke 7:50** (Faith): And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

**Luke 5:20** (Faith): And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

