

# Apprenticing Jesus || A Series Through the Gospel of Luke

## This Must Be Important

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**Sermon Synopsis:** Not everything that seems important always is, but some things are so important they surprise Jesus when it happens. What surprises God?

**Themes:** faith

**Metaphors:**

Luke 7:1-10 (ESV)

### Facebook trending

#### Not everything is that important

they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." (4-5)

#### We also find our worth in what we build

The centurion gets a revelation though...

When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. (6)

This shift in the narrative shows us:

1. What isn't that important
2. What is important...

When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him (9a)

We'll get to "these things," but first ^ rare!

#### What surprises Jesus must be important

Not the miracle, and not the centurion's good deeds.

"When Jesus heard these things"

^it's all in the *response*

Say: **This must be important**

But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." (7-8)

Paraphrase: If I, being a powerful centurion, can command soldiers with one word, I'll bet one word from You...

He's more...*he doesn't even need to be in the building!*

**His word transcends walls, sickness, human ability, disability, sickness, poverty**

1 Peter 1:24-25

I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. (9b)

Faith = a shift in confidence<sup>1</sup> – I'm not worthy but if you say the word...it'll happen

**Faith surprises Jesus**

"Marvel" (2x)

**This must be important**

(examples?)

**Faith is the fulcrum of God's activity**

It's not that faith forces him or makes him obligated

*Faith makes him giddy* (Heb 11:6)

**Jude**

**Faith isn't just, "I know he can, but I know he will!"**

*He's good. He's kind. Faith is trusting God's active presence and goodness in your life*

I'm not worthy, **but this God will heal my \_\_\_\_\_ if I ask Him**

"Say the word" → **This must be important**

It is. One word from God can change your life

So faith comes from hearing...through the word of Christ.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hebrews 11:1

<sup>2</sup> Romans 10:17