



The King of the Kingdom

**HE HAS MADE US
A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
FOR GOD HIS FATHER.**

**ALL GLORY AND POWER
TO HIM FOREVER AND
EVER! AMEN.**

REVELATION 1:6 | MEC | VERSE FOR 2012



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Go!

Pray!

Die!



Marginalised, Ridiculed,
Ostracised, Shunned

Authority over Defilement



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Authority over Distance



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Matthew 8:5-13

⁵ When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷ And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.



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⁹ For I too am a man 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."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marvelled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.



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¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



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¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



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Messianic Hope

Desperation for Revival

Messiah Expected

Kingdom Restoration

Gentiles Defeated

God's Presence

Great Banquet



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Centurion

Customs Post

Gentile

Emperor Worship

Despised the Jews

Occupying Force



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Slave

“There can be no friendship nor justice towards inanimate things. For master and slave have nothing in common; a slave is a living tool, just as a tool is an inanimate slave.”

(Aristotle)



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But the centurion
replied, *“Lord, I am
not worthy to have
you come under my
roof”*

(Matthew 8:8)



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Worthless

Ugly

Lonely

Bad

Mutilated

Unlovable

Nuisance

Different

Burden

Useless

Depression

Meaningless

Despair

... suffering terribly ...

(Matthew 8:6)



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... cover ...

... hide ...

... shame ...

... **distance** ...

... the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees ...

(Genesis 3:8)



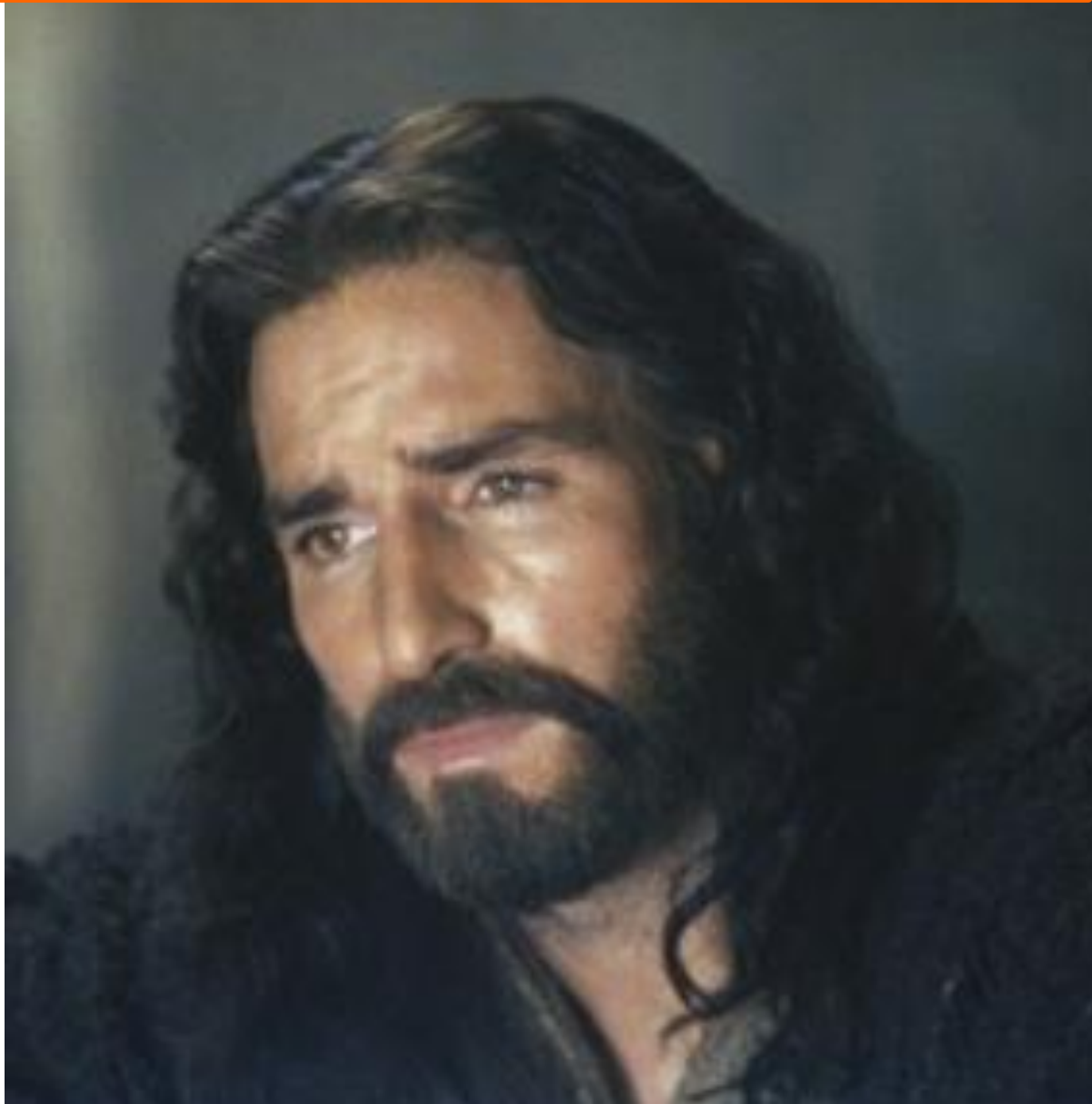
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“I will come

(Matthew 8:7)

The reason the
Son of God
appeared was to
destroy the works
of the devil.

(1 John 3:8b)





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Faith that excites Jesus (Matthew 8:10)

- Distance no hindrance
- Caused Jesus to marvel
 - Unique in Israel
- Will spread worldwide
- Not in Capernaum!
(cf Matt. 11:20-24)



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... only **say** the word and my servant will be healed ...

(Matthew 8:8)



legate

commands



centurion

commands



legionnaire



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For nothing
is impossible
with God
(“Not any
word is
unable with
God”)

(Luke 1:37)



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When the centurion
**heard about
Jesus...**

(Luke 7:3)

**So faith comes
from hearing, and
hearing through the
word of Christ.**

(Romans 10:17)



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I will teach you hidden lessons from our past, stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.

(Psalms 78:2-4)





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Centurion sent some Jewish elders to Jesus

- Explain about Matthew to Jews
- Explain about Luke to Gentiles
- Speak to delegate = speak to person
- Give other examples in the NT literature
- Extraordinary – unusual relationship
- Luke gives us clue about this relationship



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Centurion loved the nation

- Probably God-fearing (eg Acts 10)
- But not circumcised
- Built the synagogue (peace?)
- All centurions shown in good light
- Centurion at the cross – declared Jesus innocent (Luke 23:48) and recognised him as the Son of God (Mk 15:39, Matt 27:54)
- Cornelius in Italian Cohort at Caesarea – upright and God-fearing and spoken well of by the whole Jewish nation – directed by an angel to call for Peter to visit
- Centurion who assisted Paul who was to be unlawfully flogged (Acts 22)

