

Matthew 8 | March 17, 2024
Sermon Notes
Hereos, Villains and Nobodies
The Centurion
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I. What Are You Thinking About?

II. Centurions

A. Their role and reputation

B. Their relationship with the Jews

III. Matthew 8

A. Capernaum: Small town where Jesus lived

B. The request of the centurion

1. What makes this unusual?

2. What faith did the centurion display?

3. Just say the word. . .

C. No greater faith in all of Israel?

1. What made his faith so unique?

2. The world is about to turn

IV. Mark 15—Another Centurion Story

A. Eloi, Eloi

1. The Aramaic meaning?

2. What the people heard

3. Their cruel act of keeping him alive

B. Jesus dies tragically, a misunderstood man to the end

C. What is the significance of the curtain being torn?

1. How is it torn?

2. What does it reveal?

D. Who is the only person in Mark who declares Jesus as Lord

V. Putting it Together

A. How does God use these two villains?

1. One is a display of faith

2. The other reveals who Jesus is

B. The only way we can do the same is from the vantage point of that centurion: kneeling in the shadow of the cross.