

CENTURION'S SERVANT Mt 8:5-13, Lk 7:1-10

EXT. SYNAGOGUE – DAY

Blue sky, a wide view of the beautiful synagogue in the suggestion of Centurion surrounded by many Jewish leaders

Jewish leader turns towards Centurion and raises his hand to all those gathered there.

JEWISH LEADER

Our community is thankful to you
for such a big offering. God will
surely reward you.

Crowd of Jews are happily looking at the newly built synagogue. They are appreciating its beauty.

A YOUNG JEW (says with excitement)
Beautiful! Magnificent!

OLD JEW SUPPORTS

It looks really great!

The old Jew looks at the Centurion standing beside.

Centurion is looking at it.

OLD JEW says with gratitude.
You have done something great.

CENTURION humbly says.
All what I have is from God, so
I spare a tenth of my fortune
for God and his people.

Elder Jew with long beard acknowledges him quoting a scripture.

OLD JEW (Malachi 3-10)

Yes the scripture says, bring the whole
tithe into the storehouse, that there
may be food in my house. Test me in
this, says the LORD of hosts: Shall
I not open for you the floodgates
of heaven, to pour down blessing
upon you without measure?

Centurion happily smiles at them.

ANOTHER MAN (Malachi 3-12))
Then all nations will call you
blessed, for you will be a delightful
land, says the LORD of hosts.
This is a happy occasion for us.

That time a servant of the Centurion runs towards there.

SERVANT (calling loudly)

Master, master...

Centurion's face turns anxious. He steps forward to the
side of the servant.

Jews standing there are also anxious.

Servant approaches the Centurion. He is wheezing.

Jews standing there look at each other.

CENTURION anxiously asks him.
What happened? What's the matter?

SCENE 2 EXT/ INT. CENTURION'S HOUSE - DAY

Solders moving fast inside the house of Centurion.

Camera follows a soldier who is entering (when he enters we
can see Centurion standing there looking at the sick
servant) inside a room where the sick servant is laying. An
herbal medicine wooden pot like thing is scene in his
hands. He approaches the sick servant's bed and gives it to
the physician who is sitting near the patient. Centurion is
standing there looking at the sick servant.

Close view of the sad face of Centurion. He looks
desperately and helplessly at the laying sick servant whom

he loves like his son. (Suggestion shot of the sad face of Centurion looking at the sick man on the coat)

The servant is lying on a big coat. He is very thin and skinny that even his bones, like ribs etc can be seen. No hair on his head.

His face has less flesh and his eyes are bulging. Bones are clearly visible. He has a terrific looking appearance. Camera move slowly showing the view of his pathetic, sick body from top to bottom. He is wearing only small shorts like cloth. He looks like a laying dead body.

Few maid servants with some cloths and food vessels are also standing. Another set of youth and children are also seen. All are compassionately looking at the sick servant.

Soldiers standing back in the room are discussing. Soldier 1 speaks to soldier 2 and 3.

SOLDIER 1

No chance of survival. All who
had fever like this died!

Another soldier says with grief looking at the sick servant. He says it slowly with a deep thought of the foreseeing death.

SOLDIER 2 (saying in low voice)

I think he is going to die!

SOLDIER 3

A miracle should happen. Only
God can help.

Hearing this words Centurion suddenly lifts his face! Camera focuses him more closely. A ray of hope is seen on Centurion's face.

CENTURION

God will surely help us. I
believe! I must go and see
Jesus! I heard he has come
to Capernaum!

He looks at the sick servant more deeply and says with compassion and hope.

CENTURION (psalm 46-2)

My son! God is our refuge
and our strength, an ever-present
help in distress. He will surely

help us. I believe!

SCENE 3 EXT. MOUNTAIN TOP - DAY

A mountain top surrounded with beautiful landscape.

A small road with a snaky curve can be seen towards the top. From the wide view camera slowly zoom-in towards Jesus. Big stones can also be seen on the side of the road; even some are as high as a man's height.

Jesus is standing on a big rock like a towering figure (camera in low angle). His hair flutters in the strong wind.

Brightly coloured butterflies flutter about in the breeze and sunshine.

Jesus is teaching.

The first circles of the crowd who are very near to Jesus are children and youth (little children, Tomy & Tamy and the youth whom we saw in Wedding at Cana)

A large group of people are around him on the mountain in different circles. Jesus' preaching voice can be heard!

VOICE OVER (Mt 6-19-21)

Do not store up for yourselves
treasures on earth, where moth
and decay destroy, and thieves
break in and steal. But store up
treasures in heaven, where neither
moth nor decay destroys, nor
thieves break in and steal.
For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.

A white bird hovering on a tree stems and flutters its wings in between the above words. As if it also comes to hear the words of Jesus.

Close-view of people's face; all listen carefully, especially children and youth

Cut to - Camera focuses on Jesus while he speaks.

JESUS (Mt 6-22-23)
The lamp of the body is the eye.
If your eye is sound, your whole
body will be filled with light;
but if your eye is bad, your
whole body will be in darkness.
And if the light in you is darkness, how
great will the darkness be.

People are busy in talking and commenting admirably with joy and appreciation to one another about the teachings of Jesus.

Close-up of a small group of men

LAYMAN 1 exclaims
I never heard such teachings.

LAYMAN 3 in wonder
Oh!!! What a wisdom!

LAYMAN 1 in excitement
Yes a new wisdom, divine wisdom!
It's an insightful divine wisdom
that he teaches!

LAYMAN 2
His words are powerful and compassionate!
It touches my heart. I am feeling good.

Camera tracks back and move along with the horses;
Centurion follows by others are seen.

Close view of centurion pulling the rein to tame the horse in hurry.

Horse suddenly raising its head and stops.

Last steps of stopping horses create a storm like atmosphere and music with strong winds that carries dust.

Stormy wind adds up the curiosity of the people standing there. They eagerly look at Centurion.

Centurion gets down. Others also get down from the horses. Soldiers dressed with military uniform of the roman army (find out the costume of Roman army). They walk in military manner.

Centurion and the group of solders walk up on the valleys. The beautiful valley with tall trees and different color flowers are seen in the background. Leaves flutter down onto the path.

A MAN IN THE CROWD exclaims
The Centurion!

ANOTHER MAN asks anxiously.
Why is he here?

The children and youth are all eager to see what is going to happen.

Children look at them with astonishment as if they are seeing men in military uniform so close for the first time.

Centurion with soldiers is approaching Jesus. As they are close to Jesus they kneel in one knee.

They take off their helmets. First Centurion followed by others. They give homage to Jesus.

Jesus looks at him with compassion

CENTURION in his knees(Mt 8-6)
Lord, my servant is lying
at home paralyzed, suffering
dreadfully.

An elder Jew comes forward very near to centurion and gives him a hand to lift him up from his knees and at the same time he turns at Jesus and says.

OLD JEW 1 (Lk 7-5)
Lord! He deserves to have

you do this for him, for he
loves our nation and he
built the synagogue for us.

JESUS moves forward & tells
centurion (Mt 8-7)
I will come and heal him.

The Jews who recommended it are very happy and begin to
rejoice, but another Jew, a very old man suddenly pushes
forward in between these two Jews and protests.

JEW 3 (OLD JEW)
What? Will you enter in the
house of a Gentile?

JESUS looks at him compassionately
The Lord of all shows no
Partiality. (Wisdom 6-7, Acts 10-34) I
am the savior of all people,
In whatever troubles they are,
I will answer their cry and I
will always be their Lord.

Hearing it, people, particularly the youth are very happy.
They thankfully gaze at Jesus.

Tommy and Tammy are expressing great joy looking at each
other and looking at Jesus.

Old Jew (Jew 3) is not convinced of the answer of Jesus. He
is more upset. He turns around to other Jews 1 and 2. Then
finally turns to Jesus and says.

JEW 3 (Old Jew)
But he is a sinner... A gentile... So
he is not worthy!!

Quick reaction shots of Tommy and Tammy, other children,
youth, and other men and women - everyone look sad because
of this man's argument.

Jesus smilingly and quickly says with more compassion and
love.

JESUS (Jn 3-17)
Yes! But he too is a son
Of our Father! For God

did not send his son into
the world to condemn the
world, but the world might
be saved through him.

Reaction shots of the earlier group with changed
expressions. They are happy and consoled joyfully clapping
with their own hand and proudly looking at Jesus.

Jesus moves more closely to Jew 3 (Old Jew) and says
straightly looking at his eyes.

JESUS (Mt 9-13)
Have you not learned? I desire
Mercy not sacrifice.

Jesus turns at centurion and says.

JESUS
Come! Let's go!

Jesus begins to move forward and says.

JESUS
Come let us go!

CENTURION pleads at Jesus(Mt8-8)
Lord, do not trouble yourself
further, for I am not worthy to have
you enter under my roof;
only say the word and my
servant will be healed.

Hearing this Jesus stops walking, so all the people around
him also stop walking.

CENTURION looks at Jesus
and continued... (Mt8-9)
For I too am a person subject
to authority, with soldiers
subject to me. And I say to
one, 'Go,' and he goes; and
to another, 'Come here,' and
he comes; and to my slave,
'Do this,' and he does it.

Jesus looks at him and all around at the group.

Because he cannot see all, he turns at the side of the road, climbing steps on a rock, which is about a man's height. Camera in a semi-wide view from bottom showing the heads of all people, the towering view of Jesus is projected.

Centurion, soldiers, people and children look up at Jesus. Jesus speaks with both hands rising.

JESUS (Mt 8-10)
Amen, I say to you, no one
in Israel have I found such faith.

Jesus looks at him more powerfully. The divine light starts spreading from Jesus.

The light begins to shine on the centurion, Jesus speaks in loud voice with great confidence and blessings and releasing his power expressing by his one hand stretched. (This shot can be shown as flash back in many places later)

JESUS (Mt 8-11)
You may go; as you have
believed, let it be done for you.

They kneel down and give homage again and turn back. Reaction shots of all, the earlier group and Jew 1, 2 and 3

They are on the back of horses moving in great speed. The divine light continues shining on them.

Echo of the fast moving footsteps of the horses and voice over of Jesus in Jesus' face. He is standing on a rock.

Centurion turns back again and looks at Jesus while the horses are moving fast. Profound music builds up to crescendo.

Close-view of Jesus standing on the rock surrounded by people is shown again.

Bright face of Jesus; echo of Jesus' loud voice continued

JESUS
You may go; as you have believed,
let it be done for you.

Jesus' voice can be heard repeatedly.

Centurion is riding the horse with raised head and confident and proud face.

Voice of Jesus and Centurion is heard more and more loudly. As the voice is heard loudly fast cut shots of both are seen.

Close-up of fast moving horse
Close-up of centurion

Centurion raises one hand in air and loudly praises Jesus meanwhile riding the horse. Wind takes his words far far away. (Few wide shots of four directions with the words, like Jesus' words are falling on the whole world) His words are like a slogan.

CENTURION

Yes Lord, I believe! It will be done! I believe! Your word will be fulfilled! I believe... believe...

Close-view of the face of the horse with full of life moving with dynamic power; meanwhile echo of Jesus' voice can be heard

Jesus says more loudly and forcefully.

JESUS (Mt 8-11)

You may go! As you have believed, let it be done for you.

In clear response to that Centurion's face is seen on fast moving horse.

CENTURION

I believe! It will be done! I believe! Your word will be fulfilled! I believe... I believe...

The above scene should repeat three times.

INT. CENTURION'S HOUSE - DAY

As the voice over of Jesus and centurion are heard in loud voice and the music build up to crescendo, the divine light is powerfully shining on the sick servant.

The servant is now moving more in his bed, with his both hands and legs.

The solders are running to see what is happening
Another soldier says with more exclamation, excitement and joy.

ANOTHER SOLDIER
Look! He is recovering!
He is moving now!

Hearing this some other soldiers get up from their seats and move forward to the sick man.

All are staring at him. The voice is still echoing.

The sick servant is crying out.

He throws out his clothes. Now he is wearing small shorts.
His bones are more visible now.

SICK SERVANT
LORD! LORD...
Seeing it, a soldier standing nearby says.

SOLDIER 1 says happily.
Look, he is much better.
He can speak. The Lord is
healing (with more happiness
and excitement) him. The
Lord is healing him.

The sick man is now trying to lift his hands. The divine light is shining from the sick man's head and slowly moves down on his body.

Again the flash back of Centurion's words

CENTURION
Yes Lord, I believe! It will be done! I
believe! Your word will
be fulfilled! I believe I believe...

As the light moves his face becomes more fleshy and healthy.

The sick man is now trying to lift his hands.

Reaction shots of maid servants and soldiers; all are praising God.

MAID SERVANT
My Lord! My God!

As he lifts his one hand it is changing from skin and bone to more fleshy and strong.

Similarly his other hands also.

His ribs are now covered with flesh and slowly light are lowering down.

Soldiers are saying at one another.

Reaction shots of soldiers

SOLDIER 1
It's a wonder, a miracle!
My lord! My god!

SOLDIER 2
Oh, Lord you are almighty.
We believe in you Lord.

Slowly the light moves to his legs making it more fleshy and strong.

Then he lifts his head.

He tries to sit himself on the bed, with his hands pressing on bed. He lifts his body and slowly gets up.

People around are looking at one another with great wonder.

Sick man slowly gets up.

Visual of Centurion

CENTURION
Yes Lord, I believe! It will
be done! I believe! Your
word will be fulfilled!

People around shout with great wonder and devotion

A YOUNG MAN
Jesus! Jesus!

Now he gets up fully and stands on the ground.

Shots from different angles showing the healing process
step by step and slowly

Someone helps him to step down from the bed to the floor.

But he stands there. But still he is not able to be in full
balance. He is going to fall back but he gets strength to
stand and he cries out.

SICK SERVANT
Jesus! Jesus

Flash back of Centurion and Jesus. (Both visuals and words)

CENTURION'S memory
Yes Lord, I believe! It will
be done! I believe! Your word
will be fulfilled!

Dissolve to the face of the healed servant

SOLDIERS cry out
He is healed! He is healed!
Come let us go to master
and report this.

The healed servant kneels down with tears of great
happiness.

HEALED SERVANT
Oh Lord! I believe in you.
You are my Lord and my God!

A soldier cries out. With one hand raised up he is shouting
with great excitement. His voice is in the same pitch of
centurion.

SOLDIER
Jesus healed him!

Cut to - the fast moving horses of centurion

CENTURION
Yes Lord, I believe!

Flash back of Jesus.

Shot of the soldier on the horse.

Scene of the servant surrounded with lot of people. Lot of people is running to the house of Centurion.

Cut to - both the groups are nearing and they reach

They meet at the four way junction in a small town.

In the middle of the junction there is a circle and a memorial tower of some old king. The tower is tall but broad in the bottom and top; three side pillars which have the projecting face of lion on each side. On top of that a thin tower on which a white flag with red lion on it is seen as a sign of victory. Lot of men and women are around. People got panic as the soldiers on horse top arrive from both sides.

People eagerly look at them. A Jew from the crowd says loudly.

JEW
The centurion!

While centurion's horse and the other group stopped.

The solders get down and salute the centurion and declare.

SOLDIER
Master, master he is fully healed.

Centurion's eyes fill with tears of happiness.

CENTURION
Praise be to you My Lord Jesus!
What exact time was he healed?

SOLDIER (Jn 4-52)
Yesterday! About one in the afternoon

Centurion gets down from his horse, removes his helmet kneels down in the ground on his knees, raising his head and says loudly.

CENTURION
Oh Lord! he is like my own son.
Thank you for healing him from
the deadly disease. Me and My

family believe in you, my
Lord my God!
Flash back of the scene of Jesus with divine light.

JESUS' divine words
You may go; as you have
believed, let it be done
for you.

Centurion continues standing in his knees.

CENTURION
I believe you are the savior
of the world. Me and my family
accept you as our Lord and
savior. We believe in you my
Lord my God!

People come around them in-between the above dialogues.

Divine light fills his face and spread in the entire screen

Divine light fills the face of Jesus.

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