

Matthew 8:1-4 - Authority to heal with a word

What happens when Jesus' unique authority is recognised?

1) Humility

(v5-8a)

2) Faith

(v8b-9)

3) A new community

(v10-13)

For further discussion

- Thinking generally, what did Jesus do that makes him different from all the great religious teachers, political leaders and culture shapers that have ever lived?
- v5-8a: What do these verses tell us about what the centurion thought of himself? Why did he think this?
- v8b-9: What had the centurion understood about Jesus? How does this illustrate what faith is?
- v10-13: How would these verses have been shocking to the original hearers and readers? What is Jesus saying is the one thing that matters?
- How do these verses give us confidence as we seek to live for Jesus today?