



WHAT FILLED JESUS WITH ADMIRATION?

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I don't know if you would have liked Slide 2 to live in Jesus' time, in any case, those who followed him Slide 3 saw extraordinary miracles. They were Slide 4 amazed by the power of Jesus, Slide 5 his authority over sickness and even over nature. Do you remember Slide 6 that violent storm on the lake? The disciples were about to lose their lives, Slide 7 but Jesus commanded the wind and the sea to be silent. Slide 8 Calm returned at once. The disciples were Slide 9 amazed. Slide 10 But one day Slide 11 it was Jesus who was amazed, even filled with admiration. Slide 12 What could have happened that made Jesus so amazed? We will find out by listening to this story that you can Slide 13 read again in the Gospel of Luke in chapter 7

Slide 14 WHY IS JESUS SO ASTONISHED?

Slide 15 Imagine, Capernaum; a pretty little town with houses with terraced roofs, Slide 16 on the edge of a lake, the Lake of Galilee. There are Slide 17 fishermen, Slide 18 shepherds, Slide 19 peasants but also Slide 20 soldiers. The country is occupied Slide 21 by Roman armies. The Jews have been under the domination Slide 22 of the Emperor of Rome for years. They would like to regain Slide 23 their freedom and see all these soldiers go home. There are often conflicts, dirty tricks, Slide 24 abuses. The relationships are sometimes complicated. These soldiers have other habits, different ways of living; they worship Slide 25 other gods, statues, idols. Jews do not enter the house of Romans.

Slide 26 One of these Roman officers has a servant, whom he loves very much, Slide 27 who is seriously ill. He has heard of all the miracles that Jesus does and he believes in him:

Slide 28 - He has just arrived in our city with his disciples! Someone tells him.

Slide 29 Immediately, he summons some Jewish leaders:

Slide 30 - Go see Jesus, he says to them, and ask him for me, to come to me to heal my servant.

Slide 31 So they go to find Jesus:

Slide 32 - We are coming on the Roman officer's behalf they say. He asks you to be kind enough as to come and heal his servant who is about to die. We do beg you to come to

him; he deserves to be granted this favor. He loves our people; he has even helped building our synagogue with his own money. **Slide 33** Come with us.

Slide 34 - I will go and heal him, Jesus answers them.

Slide 35 They set off. They are not far from home when a group of men meets them. They are friends of the officer; they have a message for Jesus.

Slide 36 - The officer sends us to tell you: **Slide 37** Don't bother coming to my place because I don't deserve you to come into my house. That's the reason why I have not dared to come and find you myself. **Slide 38** But just say one word, and my servant will be healed. Because me, I am subject to my superiors and I have soldiers under my command, and when I say to one **Slide 39** "Go", I know he will. When I command another **Slide 40** "Come", he comes. When I ask my servant **Slide 41** "Do this", he does it. Jesus, you don't have to come to me, **Slide 42** say only one word and my servant will be healed.

Hearing these words, **Slide 43** Jesus is filled with admiration for this officer. He can't hide it

Slide 44 He turns to the crowd that is there and says to them:

Slide 45 - Truly, I assure you, nowhere in Israel have I found **Slide 46** such great faith. I tell you, people will come in crowds from all countries, they will believe in me and they will be saved, they will go **Slide 47** to heaven. And those who will not have faith, they will not enter.

Then Jesus said to the officer's friends:

Slide 48 - You can go back to the officer .What he asked with all his faith, his servant will grant.

Slide 49 When they got home, they found the servant in perfect health, **Slide 50** as Jesus had said.

Slide 51 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*Do you remember the question: **Slide 52** what filled Jesus with admiration?*

*Yes! **Slide 53** It's the officer's faith. This man believes in the power and authority of Jesus to heal his servant. What he said is what he truly thinks, what's in his heart.*

*You too can tell Jesus what is in your heart. **Slide 54** You can tell Him that you believe in him.*

*And if you find that your faith is **Slide 55** small, well, rest assured, it will **Slide 56** **Slide 57** grow.*

How? Simply, as you get to know Jesus better and you will find it easier to trust him, to believe in him.

*Read **Slide 58** the Gospel and listen to our programs “1, 2, 3 STORY TIME”, because we will continue to talk to you from him and **Slide 59** your faith will grow.*

Slide 60 **4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!**

*When you say you, he something to your child, **Slide 61** why does he believe you? Because **Slide 62** you are his parents, **Slide 63** he knows you are telling him the truth, **Slide 64** he trusts you. When you make a promise to him, he believes you will be able to keep it and will make it happen. **Slide 65** A child is naturally trusting, he does not doubt your word and his trust makes you happy*

*Just as naturally, **Slide 66** he is willing to believe in Jesus. For this, he needs to get to know better and better; who he is, what he says, what he does, what he promises.*

Our objective in making the programs “1, 2, 3 STORY TIME” is precisely to bring you an additional tool to nurture the faith of your children.

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