Gospels: The Roman Centurion's Confession



Explore the Gospels through the eyes of a Roman centurion whose faith revealed Jesus as the Son of God, challenging all to believe.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study plan focused on "Gospels: The Roman Centurion's Confession." The Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are the heart of the New Testament, unveiling the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They document not only historical events but also profound spiritual truths meant to transform every reader.

Among many stories, one stands out for its striking revelation: the Roman centurion at Jesus' crucifixion who, unlike many others, perceives deeply who Jesus truly is. In *Mark 15:39*, he exclaims, "Surely this was the Son of God." This confession from a Gentile soldier is remarkable, as it contrasts sharply with the misunderstanding and rejection Jesus faced from religious leaders and the crowd during those final moments.

How could a Roman officer — a representative of the occupying forces and a man outside the Jewish faith — see what so many missed? This study plan will journey through key passages in the Gospels to uncover how Jesus revealed His identity in ways that invite us to see Him with fresh eyes. We'll reflect on faith, recognition, revelation, and worship, inspired by the centurion's unexpected insight.

Prepare your heart and mind to engage deeply: these readings and reflections will challenge your understanding of Jesus and encourage a personal confession of who He is in your life. May this week bring you closer to the truth that the centurion proclaimed: Jesus is truly the Son of God.

















Your Verse

Mark 5:1-20 - Jesus heals a man possessed by demons.

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 8:26 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid?'
- Luke 4:36 'He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.'







Devotional: Jesus' Authority Commands Our Faith

Jesus' authority is evident from the beginning of His ministry, as seen in His power over unclean spirits. In Mark 5, Jesus confronts a man tormented by a legion of demons. Despite the man's desperate state, Jesus commands the spirits, and they obey — showing divine power beyond human means.

This authority is a strong theme in the Gospels. The centurion, a man used to command, would have been impressed by such sovereign control over forces invisible to most. Yet Jesus' authority extends beyond miracles; it speaks to His identity as the Son of God.

What does it mean for us today when Jesus wields authority over spiritual realities and broken lives? Recognizing Jesus' authority invites us to trust Him fully, just as the centurion trusted and confessed Him, even in uncertain circumstances.







Reflect and Apply

	In what areas of your life do you need to acknowledge Jesus' authority more fully?
	How does Jesus' power over spiritual forces impact your view of His identity?
3.	What prevents you from trusting Jesus completely with your challenges?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you experienced or witnessed Jesus' power in your life.
2.	List the areas where you find it difficult to surrender control to Jesus.
3.	Describe what it feels like to acknowledge Jesus as Lord in your daily life.







Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, I stand amazed at Your power and authority over all creation. Help me to see You as the One who commands even the unseen forces. Increase my faith to trust Your sovereignty in every area of my life. May I recognize You not only in miracles but in everyday moments. Teach me to follow the example of the centurion who saw and confessed You as the Son of God. *In Your name, Amen.*

















Day 2: 😂 Faith Beyond Backgrounds

Your Verse

Matthew 8:5-13 - The centurion asks Jesus to heal his servant.

Supporting Scriptures

- Luke 7:9 'I have not found such great faith even in Israel!'
- John 4:48 'Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe.'







Day 2: 🐯 Faith Beyond Backgrounds

Devotional: Faith That Surpasses Boundaries

The Roman centurion's faith stands out because it crosses cultural and religious boundaries. As a Gentile and an officer in a foreign army, he humbly approaches Jesus with a request for his servant's healing, acknowledging Jesus' authority by comparing it to his own military command.

Jesus marvels at this extraordinary faith, stating that it surpasses what He has found in Israel. The centurion believes deeply without needing to see a sign first — a remarkable contrast to many who sought miracles before belief.

His faith challenges us to consider how genuine trust transcends barriers like nationality, status, and prior knowledge. It encourages us to approach Jesus with confidence, knowing His authority alone is sufficient to bring healing and wholeness.







Day 2: 😂 Faith Beyond Backgrounds

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does the centurion's example inspire you to deepen your faith?
	What barriers — cultural, personal, or spiritual — might be hindering your trust in Jesus?
	In what ways can you confess Jesus' authority in your sphere of influence?







Day 2: 🖏 Faith Beyond Backgrounds

Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on a time you trusted Jesus despite doubts or obstacles.
2.	Write about any 'barriers' you feel in fully embracing faith.
3.	List ways you can demonstrate faith like the centurion in everyday life.







Day 2: 😂 Faith Beyond Backgrounds

Prayer for Today

Gracious Father, thank You for the centurion's example of great faith. Teach me to believe in Jesus' power and grace, regardless of my background or circumstances. Help me to approach You boldly, trusting Your Word and authority even when I don't see immediate evidence. Strengthen my faith and guide me to share it authentically with those around me. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*

















Your Verse

Mark 15:33-39 - The centurion's confession at the crucifixion.

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 27:50-54 The centurion's declaration after Jesus' death.
- Luke 23:46-47 'Truly this was a righteous man.'







Devotional: Confessing Jesus as the Son of God

At the moment of Jesus' death, the Roman centurion acknowledges what many others missed: Jesus is the Son of God. Despite the darkness and tragedy surrounding the crucifixion, the centurion perceives a divine truth clearly and boldly.

This confession is powerful because it comes from a Gentile soldier, standing in stark contrast to the mockery and misunderstanding by others at the scene. His insight reveals that Jesus' true identity is not limited to any one group but is universal.

Jesus' identity as the Son of God calls for a response — not just intellectual agreement but a heart confession. The centurion's words invite us to examine our own understanding and acknowledgment of Jesus.







Reflect and Apply

What does the title 'Son of God' mean to you personally?
How does the centurion's confession challenge or affirm your view of esus?
Are there moments in your life where you have struggled to recognize lesus' identity?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write your personal confession about who Jesus is to you.
2.	Recall a time when your understanding of Jesus deepened significantly.
3.	Describe how acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God affects your daily walk.







Prayer for Today

Jesus, Son of God, Your sacrifice reveals Your love and truth beyond measure. Like the centurion, I want to confess You boldly in my heart and life. Help me to understand more deeply who You are and to live as one who worships You fully. When doubts come, strengthen my faith that I might stand firm in Your truth. *Thank You for salvation through Your name. Amen.*

















Day 4: 🖓 Seeing Through Spiritual Eyes

Your Verse

John 1:43–51 - Nathanael recognizes Jesus as the Son of God.

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 2:14 Spiritual truths are discerned spiritually.
- Ephesians 1:17–18 'The eyes of your heart may be enlightened.'







Day 4:
Seeing Through Spiritual Eyes

Devotional: Opening Eyes to Jesus' True Nature

Both the Roman centurion and Nathanael see beyond the surface to recognize Jesus' divine nature. In John 1, Nathanael declares Jesus the Son of God after Jesus reveals knowledge of him beforehand — indicating a revelation from the Spirit.

Spiritual discernment is a gift available to believers, allowing us to perceive God's truth even when the world's perspective is limited. It requires openness, humility, and seeking God with a longing heart.

Are your spiritual eyes open today? Can you see Jesus as the Son of God amidst the distractions and noise of daily life? This revelation changes everything — how we live, hope, and love.







Day 4: 🖓 Seeing Through Spiritual Eyes

Reflect and Apply

1.	What practices help you grow in spiritual discernment?
2.	How can you cultivate openness to God's revelation in your daily walk?
3.	When has your understanding of Jesus shifted through spiritual insight?







Day 4: 🖓 Seeing Through Spiritual Eyes

Journaling Prompts

	Write about a moment when God opened your eyes to a new truth about Jesus.
2.	Describe how you seek God's guidance to discern spiritual matters.
3.	Identify distractions that keep you from seeing Jesus clearly.







Day 4:

Seeing Through Spiritual Eyes

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, open the eyes of my heart to behold Jesus clearly as Your Son. Grant me spiritual discernment to understand Your ways and embrace Your truth. Help me to set aside distractions and seek You wholeheartedly so Your light may shine brighter in my life. Let me see Jesus not just with my eyes, but through faith. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* • *

















Day 5: 🖰 A Heart Transformed by Jesus

Your Verse

Luke 7:1-10 - Jesus heals the centurion's servant at his request.

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 12:2 Be transformed by renewing your mind.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, new creation.







Day 5: 🖰 A Heart Transformed by Jesus

Devotional: Faith Bringing Personal Transformation

The centurion's faith didn't just acknowledge Jesus; it led to transformation. When Jesus healed his servant without even visiting, the centurion's trust in Jesus' word proved powerful.

Faith in Jesus changes hearts — from fear and doubt to hope and worship. This transformation touches all aspects of life, enabling believers to live differently and reflect Christ's love and power.

Ask yourself: How has Jesus' presence transformed your heart? Are you living daily in the newness that faith brings? Like the centurion, our lives testify aloud when faith meets Divine power.







Day 5: 👌 A Heart Transformed by Jesus

Reflect and Apply

	In what ways have you experienced transformation through faith in Jesus?
2.	What parts of your life still resist change despite knowing Jesus?
3.	How can your transformed heart impact those around you?







Day 5: 👌 A Heart Transformed by Jesus

Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on moments when Jesus changed your perspective or actions.
2.	Write about areas where you desire greater transformation.
3.	List practical ways to live out your faith visibly this week.







Day 5: 🖰 A Heart Transformed by Jesus

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for transforming hearts through faith. Continue to renew my mind and shape me into Your likeness. Help me to live as a testimony of Your grace and power. When I struggle with old habits or doubts, remind me of Your faithfulness and healing touch. May my life reflect Your glory so others may be drawn to You. *In Your holy name, Amen.* •

















Your Verse

Matthew 28:16-20 - The Great Commission to make disciples of all nations.

Supporting Scriptures

- Acts 10:34-35 God shows no favoritism; accepts all who fear Him.
- Romans 10:14 How can they believe if they have not heard?







Devotional: Sharing Jesus Across All Boundaries

The centurion's confession highlights the inclusive reach of Jesus' mission. Though a Gentile, he recognizes Jesus as the Son of God, illustrating that salvation and revelation reach beyond Israel.

The Great Commission reminds us to carry this message to all nations and peoples. Our role as believers is to witness faithfully, breaking down barriers and proclaiming the good news boldly so all might see Jesus' true identity.

Consider your sphere of influence — how are you sharing the gospel with diverse people? How can you, like the centurion, witness faith that crosses cultural divides?







Reflect and Apply

1.	Who in your life needs to hear who Jesus truly is?
2.	How can you overcome cultural or social barriers to share your faith?
3.	What motivates you to participate in the Great Commission today?







Journaling Prompts

1.	List people groups or individuals you feel called to pray for or reach out to
2.	Write a prayer asking God to give you boldness to witness.
3.	Plan a practical step to share Jesus' love with someone different from you.







Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You that Your love and salvation are for all people. Help me to carry the gospel boldly to those around me, regardless of background or circumstance. Break down any walls of fear or prejudice in my heart. Give me opportunities and words to share Jesus' truth so others may also confess Him as the Son of God. *Empower me, Lord, to be Your faithful witness. Amen.* •

















Your Verse

John 20:24–29 - Thomas confesses Jesus as 'My Lord and my God!'

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 95:6 'Come, let us bow down in worship.'
- Revelation 5:13 To Jesus, every creature will sing praise.







Devotional: Living a Life of True Worship

The centurion's declaration invites us into worship — a heartfelt, life-changing response to who Jesus is. Like Thomas in John 20, who moves from doubt to a powerful confession, believers are called to bow in reverence, recognizing Jesus as Lord and God.

Worship is more than singing or ritual; it is living in awe of His presence and submitting fully to His authority and love.

How can your life today embody worship that honors Jesus as the Son of God? May this study conclude with a deepened desire to glorify Him in all you do.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does worship mean to you beyond music and church gatherings?
2.	How does recognizing Jesus as Lord affect your daily decisions?
3.	In what ways can you express worship throughout your week?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a prayer of worship acknowledging Jesus' identity and work.
2.	Describe how worship influences your attitude and actions.
	Plan a specific moment or activity this week to worship God intentionally.







Prayer for Today

Majestic Lord, I worship You as the Son of God, my Savior and King. Let my whole life be a testimony of praise and surrender. Help me to reflect Your glory in every action and word. May my heart always bow in humble adoration and my lips proclaim Your goodness. Thank You for inviting me into intimate worship now and forever. *In Jesus' precious name, Amen.*











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