

↵ The Three Wrong People ↵

Contrast the disciples with the following three people who seem to have a significant understanding of Jesus authority, ask yourself, “Why would the disciples tell us about these interactions unless it is true that they happened?”

1. The Roman Centurion in Matthew 8:5-13

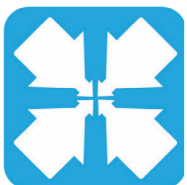
- Represents who many at that time thought the messiah would drive out as a political conqueror
- Knows how authority works and is coming to Jesus understanding he has authority over sickness and paralysis
- Know Jesus does not have to come to his house but can just will it to happen
- Jesus says, “With no one in Israel have I seen such faith...”

2. The Syrophenician Canaanite woman in Matthew 15:21-28

- Represents the lowest and most despised people group (Canaanites) and is a woman which was considered lower than men at that time
- The disciples want to send her away, Jesus has a dialogue with the woman but is actually teaching his disciples
- She uses the messianic title “Son of David” and recognizes his authority over demons
- She knows that even a crumb of the power Jesus has is enough to control this demon

3. The Samaritan woman in John 4:1-42

- Represents a despised people group (Samaritans) and is a woman which was considered lower than men at that time
- Is living in sin but recognizes her need
- Has an expectation for the coming of the Messiah
- Immediately believes once Jesus reveals what He knows and that He is the Messiah



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