

Jesus loved people that others didn't. He saw the value of everyone. Jesus healed a Roman commander's servant and said the man's faith was greater than He had seen in all of Israel! How do you think that made Jewish people feel when they heard Jesus say this about a man who wasn't Jewish? *Shocked, surprised, mad, confused, humbled, indignant or annoyed.*

Jesus healed a man possessed with demons who was forced to live in caves away from everyone. Jesus made him whole again and told him to tell others what happened.

Jesus came for everyone. He invites everyone to be cleansed and to humbly follow Him. Today, He invites us to come to Him then tell others of His love and mercy. Will you accept His invitation?

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Matthew 8:10:

When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to those who were following Him, He said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"

Matthew 5:7:

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Micah 6:6-8:

What can we bring to the LORD? Should we bring Him burnt offerings? Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of yearling calves? Should we offer Him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins? No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.