

October 10 Answers

- 1) When Jesus “marveled” at the **great** faith of the centurion, He was amazed by the **quality** of the man’s faith, not the quantity. Many people believed Jesus could heal, and large crowds followed Him, but the centurion not only believed, he **reasoned** correctly about the implications of Jesus’ power. He recognized that when Jesus spoke, it was with God’s **power** and **authority**. That meant that Jesus didn’t need to **come** to his house. Jesus could simply **say** the word and his slave would be healed. This teaches us that “great” faith reasons correctly and draws necessary **inferences** from what God has said. John the Baptist struggled with **doubt** while he was in prison. His doubt came from the fact that Jesus’ ministry did not meet his **expectations** (cf. Matt 3:10). Jesus responded by telling John that the Scriptures concerning the Messiah were being fulfilled, for **healing** and **salvation** must precede judgment (cf. Isa 61:1–2). This teaches us the importance of keeping our expectations grounded in God’s **Word**. The remedy for doubt is to **soak** ourselves in Scripture. We must allow what God has said to permeate our minds and **transform** our thinking.