

## **SERMON: THE CENTURION'S CONFESSION**

### **Mark 15:39**

**And when the centurion, which stood over against Him, saw that He cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this Man was the Son Of God.**

### **Introduction**

It has been said that action speaks louder than words. Jesus' actions on the cross proved to the centurion, who was in charge of the crucifixion, that Christ was truly who He professed to be-the Son of the Living God. The centurion confessed this fact. Theologians debate whether his confession was a "saving" confession. Whatever your theological opinion, no one can doubt it took much courage for this centurion to make such a statement. I hope if not at that time, at some other time, he walked down the Roman Road (Romans 10:9) and received salvation. Let's look at what brought about this confession.

### **Exposition**

#### **1. The Manner Of Christ's Suffering.**

(He Never Lost His Poise Or Reacted In Anger.)

#### **2. The Manner Of The Love Christ Displayed For His Enemies.**

("Father Forgive Them.")

#### **3. The Manner of Accompanying Natural Phenomena.**

(Three Hours Of Darkness, Then An Earthquake.)

#### **4. The Manner Of Christ's Death.**

(He Had Enough Energy To Cry Out.)

("It Is Finished.")

("Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit.")

(Christ Was In Control-Not The Soldiers.)

### **Closing Thoughts**

This centurion changed his mind about Jesus in a relatively short time. He was willing to admit they had killed an innocent man. How noble of him. It takes a big person to admit to a mistake. (On the other hand, His death was no mistake-Jesus came to die for our sins.) When a person sees Jesus for who He really is, that life will be changed forever. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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