

WHAT WE FOUND

We discovered that the words we pray before every Communion are adapted from a Roman centurion's: Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but say the word (Lk 7:6-7; cf. CCC 1386, which gives the liturgical form: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"). At Nain we found Luke quoting 1 Kings 17 word for word, he gave him to his mother, staging Jesus as the greater Elijah, except that Elijah petitioned and Jesus commanded: young man, I say to you, arise. The crowd's verdict, a great prophet, was true and too small.

At Simon's table we watched a weeping woman out-love a correct Pharisee, and held faith and love together the way the Church does: saving faith is living faith working through charity (Gal 5:6): love is not optional evidence tacked onto faith but the very form of faith alive in a body. We met the named women who financed the mission (Lk 8:1-3). And we ended in a boat with a question deliberately left ringing: who then is this, that he commands even wind and water? Psalm 107 knows the answer. Next session, so will we. Bring this sheet's older sibling: Take-Home 1, sealed guess intact.

VOICES OF THE CHURCH

VOICES OF THE CHURCH

St. Augustine of Hippo (*Sermon 98, on the widow of Nain*)

The three raisings are three depths of the soul's death: within the heart, gone out into deed, grown into habit. The Lord raised all three; let no one despair, for the voice that stopped the bier can stop any procession.

VOICES OF THE CHURCH

St. Gregory the Great (*Forty Gospel Homilies, Homily 33*)

For every instrument of vanity the penitent woman found a corresponding offering: eyes that allured now weep, hair that adorned now wipes. Whatever has served sin must be enlisted in love's service.

VOICES OF THE CHURCH

St. Cyril of Alexandria (*Commentary on Luke, on the centurion*)

Accustomed to command, the centurion grasped that Christ's authority needed no journey, only a word; confessing himself unworthy of the visit, he proved worthier than those who presumed upon it.

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

- At Mass this week, pray Lord, I am not worthy as the centurion: slowly, meaning the second half.
- Read Psalm 107 aloud once, and mark verses 28–30.
- Bring Take-Home 1 next session, sealed guess untouched. No peeking. No concordance.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Luke 7:50 *Your faith has saved you; go in peace.* (RSV2CE)

Before next session: read Luke 9:1–62, and bring your sealed guess from Take-Home 1. Next session we open them.

Catechism this week: CCC 1386, 2712, 1987–1995, 2616.