

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Sep 17th 2012**

The centurion was also particularly sensitive to Jewish custom. He knew that Jews would not allow Gentiles to enter their houses, nor would they enter the house of a gentile, so he sent messengers to Jesus. When Jesus came near the house, the centurion said, “Sir, I am not worthy to receive you in my house...” This goes to show that an army man does not have to give his soul to the army; he can be a human being at the same time. Those New Testament centurions, pagans though they were, have much to teach us about work and humanity.

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