

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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