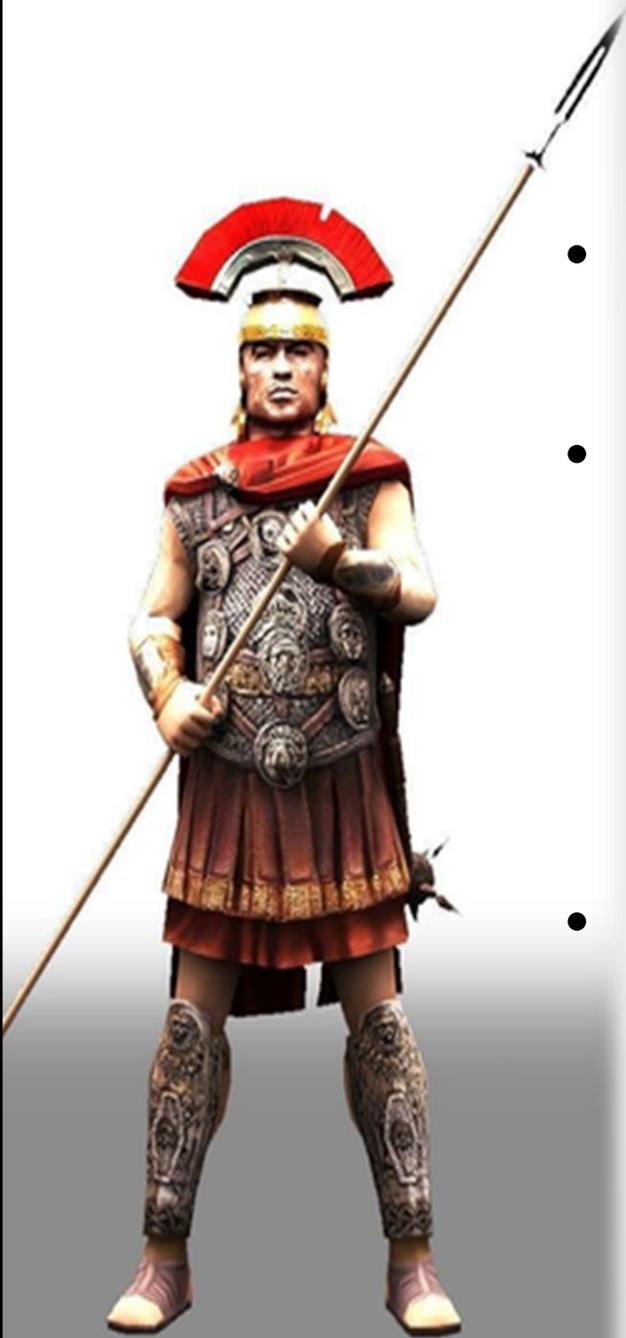




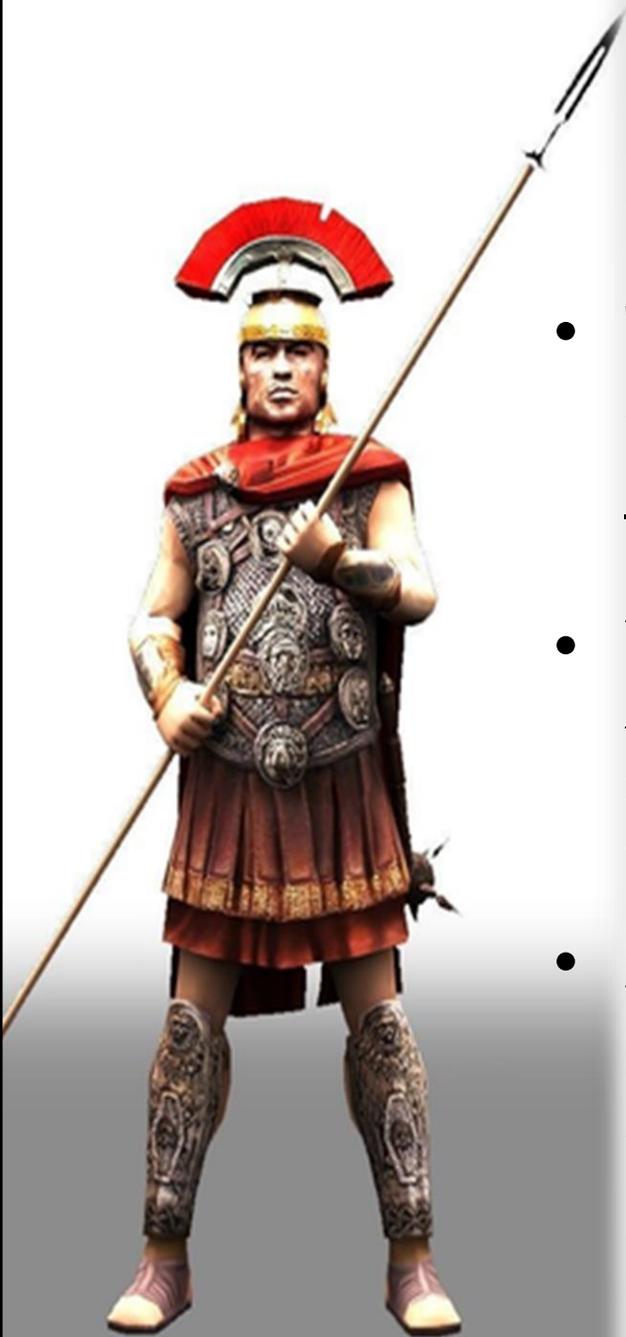
How do you
compare to a
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Centurion?

The Centurion at Capernaum



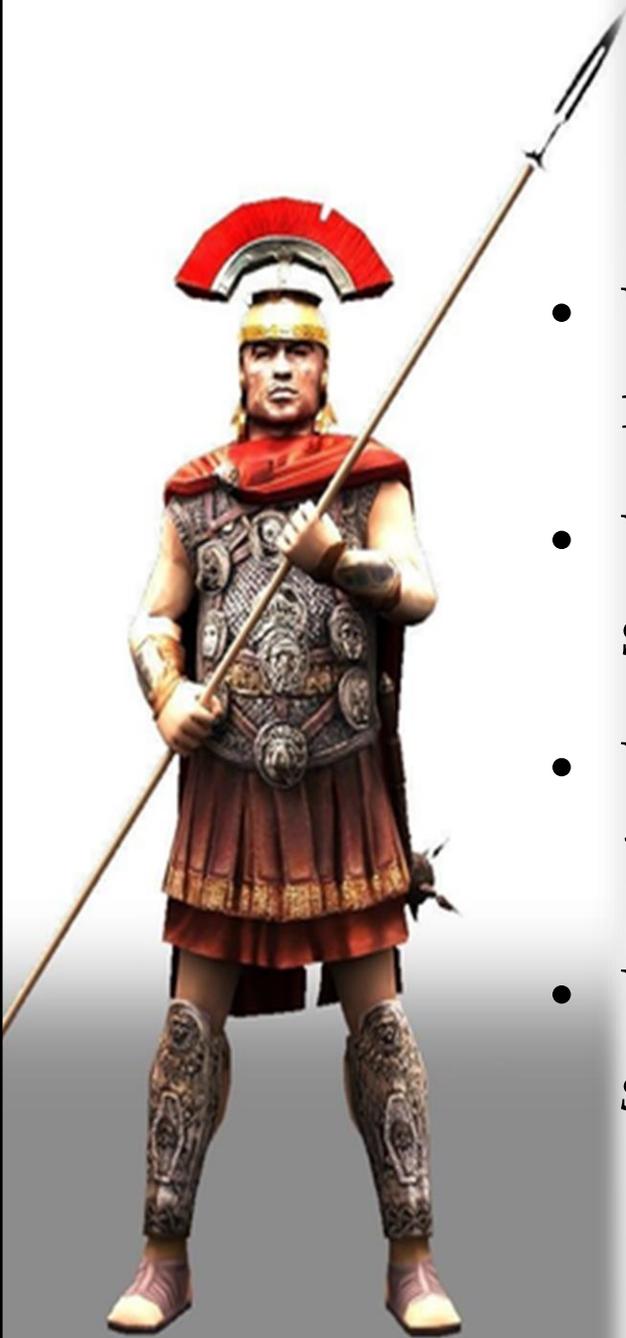
- Upon entering the city, Jesus is confronted by Jews on this man's behalf
- This centurion gave Jesus reason to pause, seeing he was shown to be of model character by...
 - How deeply he cared for his sick servant and his seeking out Jesus to heal him – Lk. 7:1-3
 - His love and kindness shown to the Jews – Lk. 7:4-5
- He stopped Jesus before entering his house – Lk. 7:6-10
 - He knew of Jesus' majesty and power and felt unworthy to be in His presence, knowing Jesus *could say the word* and heal – 7:6-8
 - His faith was *commended* and *rewarded* – 7:9-10; Heb. 12:2; Mt. 8:10-12; Jn. 20:27-29

How do you compare?



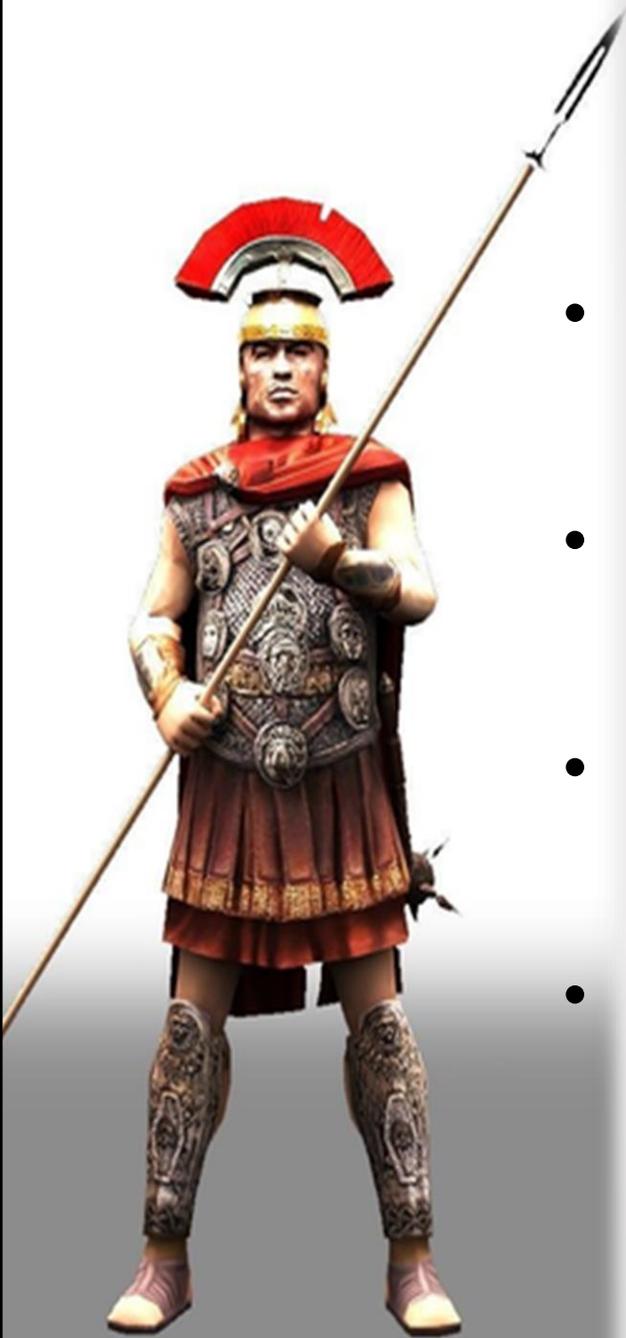
- This centurion's faith was different than the Jews, who trusted in outward actions without the inner conviction – Mt. 15:8
- Do you have faith in the power of Jesus' word to **heal** your sin-sick soul and are willing to bank your *life* on Him?
- Are you like the Jews, trusting in the security of your seat in the pew, correct worship and doctrine, without truly trusting your life to Jesus' power?

Cornelius the Centurion



- Was devout, feared God, prayed, and had a good reputation as a generous man – Acts 10:1-2, 22
- Was a man whose devotion was *rewarded* by God in sending Peter to preach the gospel – 10:3-6; Mt. 7:7-8
- Was a man who showed *eagerness* to hear God's word – 10:33; 11:13-14; 2 Thess. 1:8; 10:24
- Was a man who showed *wisdom* by *not neglecting the salvation set before him* – 10:43, 47-48

How do you compare?



- Are you a devout, God-fearing person who prays regularly and does charitable deeds?
- Do you appreciate the great gift/reward God has given you in allowing you to hear the gospel?
- Are you eager to hear God's will for your life preached from His word?
- Will you be wise and *refuse to neglect the salvation* God has set before you today?

Conclusion



- Which centurion will you follow?
 - Will you be like the centurion at the cross, wavering and waiting, only to leave here in *spiritual uncertainty*?
 - Will you be like the Capernaum centurion and show *great faith* in the power of Jesus' word to heal your sin-sick soul and give you joy and freedom?
 - Will be like Cornelius who showed great wisdom in *obeying the gospel immediately* that he might be saved?
- Don't let another opportunity pass you by!