



5 Centurions in the N.T – Always Highly POSITIVE

1. Mt. 8:8 *The centurion answered, "Lord, I'm **not worthy for you to come under my roof**. Just say the word, and **my servant will be healed**.*

2. Mk. 15:39 *And when the **centurion**, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "**Surely this man was the Son of God!**"*

3. Acts 10:1 *Now there was a certain man in **Caesarea**, **Cornelius** by name, a **centurion** of what was called the Italian Regiment,*

4. Acts 22:26 *When the **centurion heard it**, he went to the commanding officer & told him, "Watch what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman!"*

5. Acts 27:6 *There the **centurion** found a ship of Alexandria **sailing for Italy**, & he put us on board.*



**Why?**

These **ELITE**, **BEST** of the **BEST** soldiers grew up fighting for a Roman Empire that, in **Two Generations**,

- had **gone** from a **Moral Society**
- to a perverse cesspool of **pedophiles**, **homosexuality**, **orgy cults** and man-made **gods** to approve any activity.



**NOW** - They are serving in ISREAL, the only country / culture on the earth that is:

- **Mono-Theistic**
- **Very High Moral Code**

**AND** - Jesus **healed Thousands** in a small nation that only had **few Hundred Thousand** people total.

*Mt. 4:24*

## 7 Fascinating Facts

1. Entire Country of Israel – about **50** total Centurions
2. This Centurion would have probably been **PRESENT!**
  - a. At the **Arrest!**
  - b. At the **Trials**
  - c. Heard Pilate declare him **Innocent**
  - d. Led the **beatings** ordered by Pilate
  - e. Nearby as his men – **beatings, mocking, crown of thorns**
  - f. Would have heard both the **Chief Priests** & the **Thief** on the cross talk about Jesus being the **Son of God!**
3. On the way to the cross – the women from the city *"Daughters of Jerusalem, **stop weeping for Me . . . weep for yourselves** and for your own children."* Luke 23:28)
4. Having **seen so many crucifixions** – knew **what to expect!** *Agony, screaming, cursing, pleading!.....Yet over the hours....*
  - a. Priests, crowd & thieves mock him.
  - b. Jesus commit his mother to his best friend
  - c. Heard Jesus **PRAY** for **HIM!!!** → Never experienced anything like this!
5. Mt. 27 – Noon to 3pm – **Darkness** covered the land!
6. With **Incredible Authority** he died by an **Act of Will** *"It is finished (Jn. 19:30) Father into your hands I commend my spirit."* (Lk 23:46)
7. Then the **Very Ground Shook** – powerful earthquake *"Surely this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39) Longinus?*