

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 8, 5-13





Jesus welcomed everyone—kids, people with yucky diseases, beggars, even Roman soldiers. In Jesus' time a big chunk of the world, including Israel, was ruled by Rome. Soldiers bossed people around. It would not make your day to argue with one.

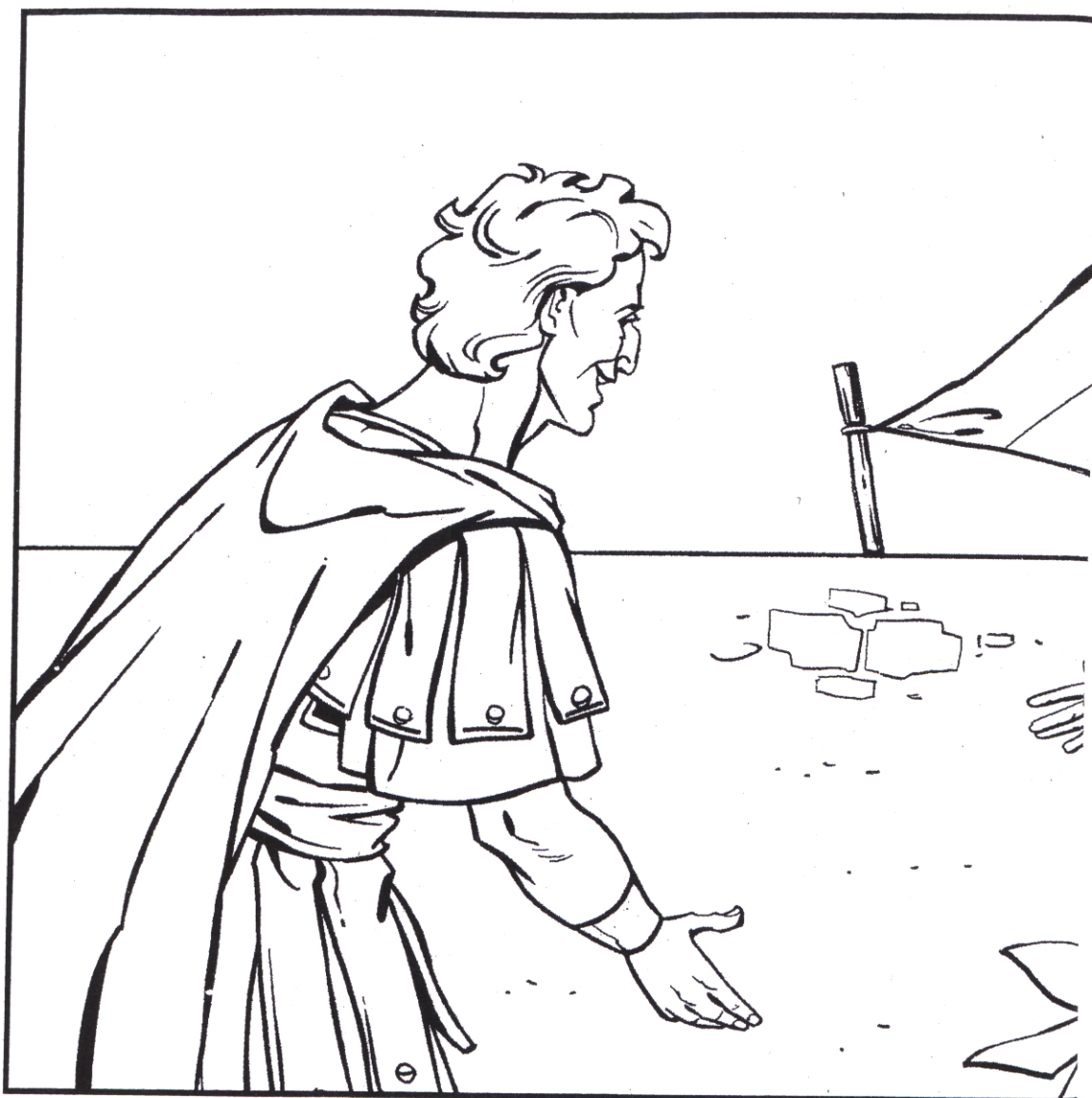
But when a Roman soldier came to Jesus for help, Jesus welcomed him.



"My servant can't move, and he's in a lot of pain," the soldier said.

"I'll go to your house and see him," Jesus replied.

"No—I shouldn't take your time. I'm not good enough for you to visit my house. If you just say the word, he'll be healed."



Jesus was amazed at the soldier's answer. He turned to others who were there and said, "I've never seen such faith among Jewish people!"

Then he turned to the soldier and said, "Go on home. Your servant will be healed just as you said."



The servant was healed even as Jesus spoke. When the soldier arrived home, there was his servant, ready to work.

Do you have faith like the soldier's? You can. Ask Jesus to fill you with faith. There's nothing, nothing at all, that Jesus can't do.

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PIG

