

Monday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Lk 7:1-10): Jesus... entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave who was ill and about to die, and he was valuable to him.



Illustration: Francesc Badia

Today we are impressed by the figure of this Roman officer. A man as God intended! And he was "heathen" (he wasn't a descendant from Abraham). We do not know if he knew the Sacred Scripture ... but he loved the people. He had so much fame as a righteous man that even the Jews themselves say to Jesus: «He deserves this of you, for he loves our people and even built a synagogue for us».

-And Jesus deserved a precious tribute: «I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith». And I, a Christian, what would they say about me?