

A script from



“At the Cross: The Centurion Who Believed”

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- What** A centurion soldier finds himself at a crossroads as he reconciles who he has been trained to be and what Jesus calls him to do. **Themes:** Easter, Crucifixion, Cross, Jesus, Faith
- Who** Centurion
- When** Bible times during the Jesus' crucifixion
- Wear (Props)** Centurion costume- if one cannot be found, the actor can simply wear all black.
- Why** Luke 23:44-47
- How** Really think through this character. He is a Roman soldier, so that really affects how he carries himself and how he speaks. He probably would not be saying these things to his fellow soldiers, so perhaps he's taking a few moments for himself to process all of this.
- Time** Approximately 1-2 minutes

Centurion enters. If using lighting, then lights should come up once the actor is in place.

Centurion: It was about the sixth hour. Darkness came over us all. The sun just stopped shining. And I looked up at this man, this man I was ordered to crucify, and I felt... *(long pause)* I felt.

This wasn't new to me...crucifying a man. We Romans crucified lots of people. Murderers, thieves, rebels. And this man, this Jesus, was going to be no different. But he was different. Here I was taking his life as he saved mine. *(Pause)* With his last breath the earth shook, the rocks split...and I became a believer. Surely this was a righteous man.

But I'm a Roman! What would this mean? How could I believe in him and still be a Roman soldier? A soldier that has more crucifixions tomorrow. A soldier who is told I answer to no authority higher than Caesar. Suddenly I'm a soldier who has a Savior not knowing who or how to follow.

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