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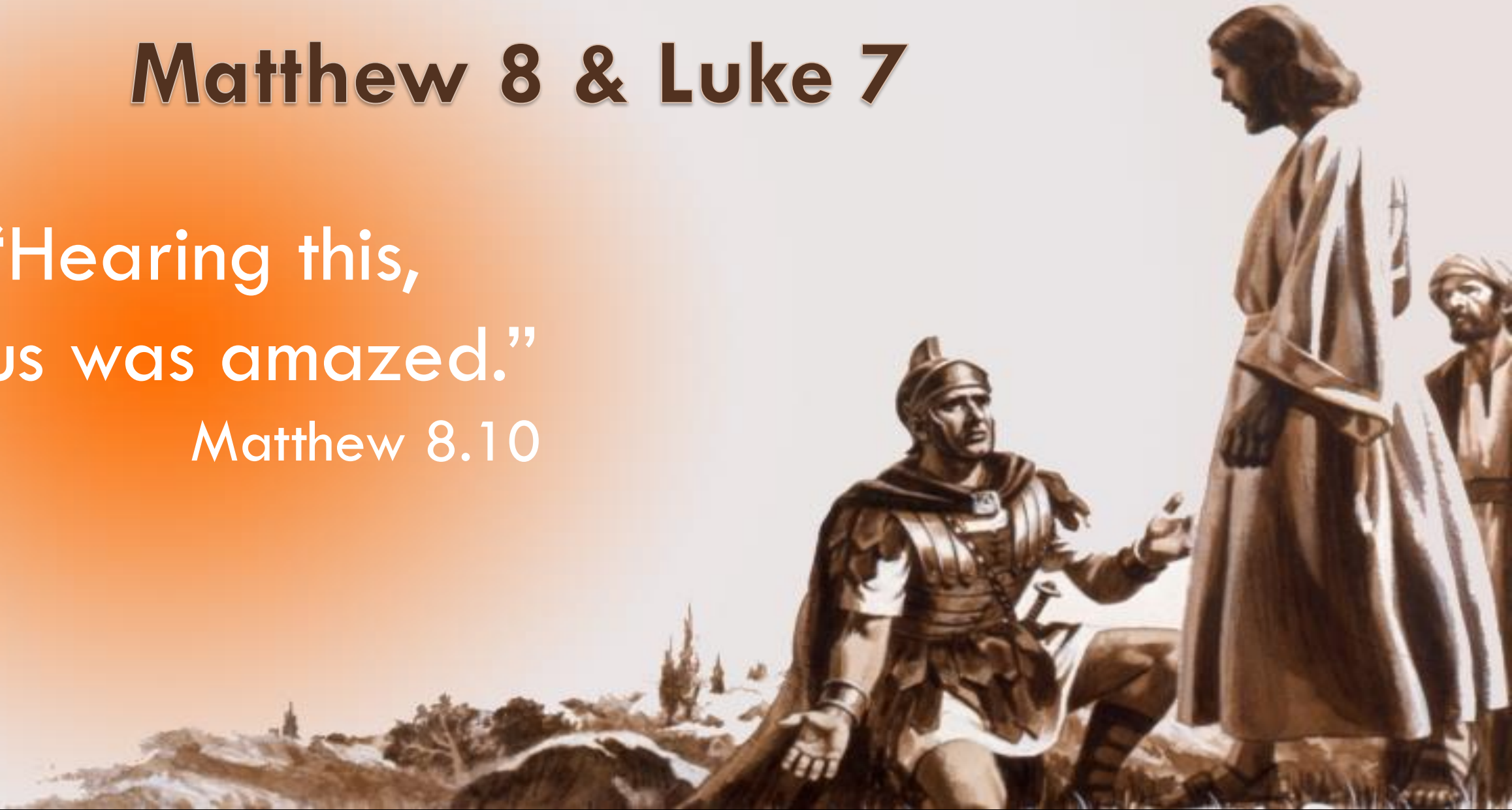


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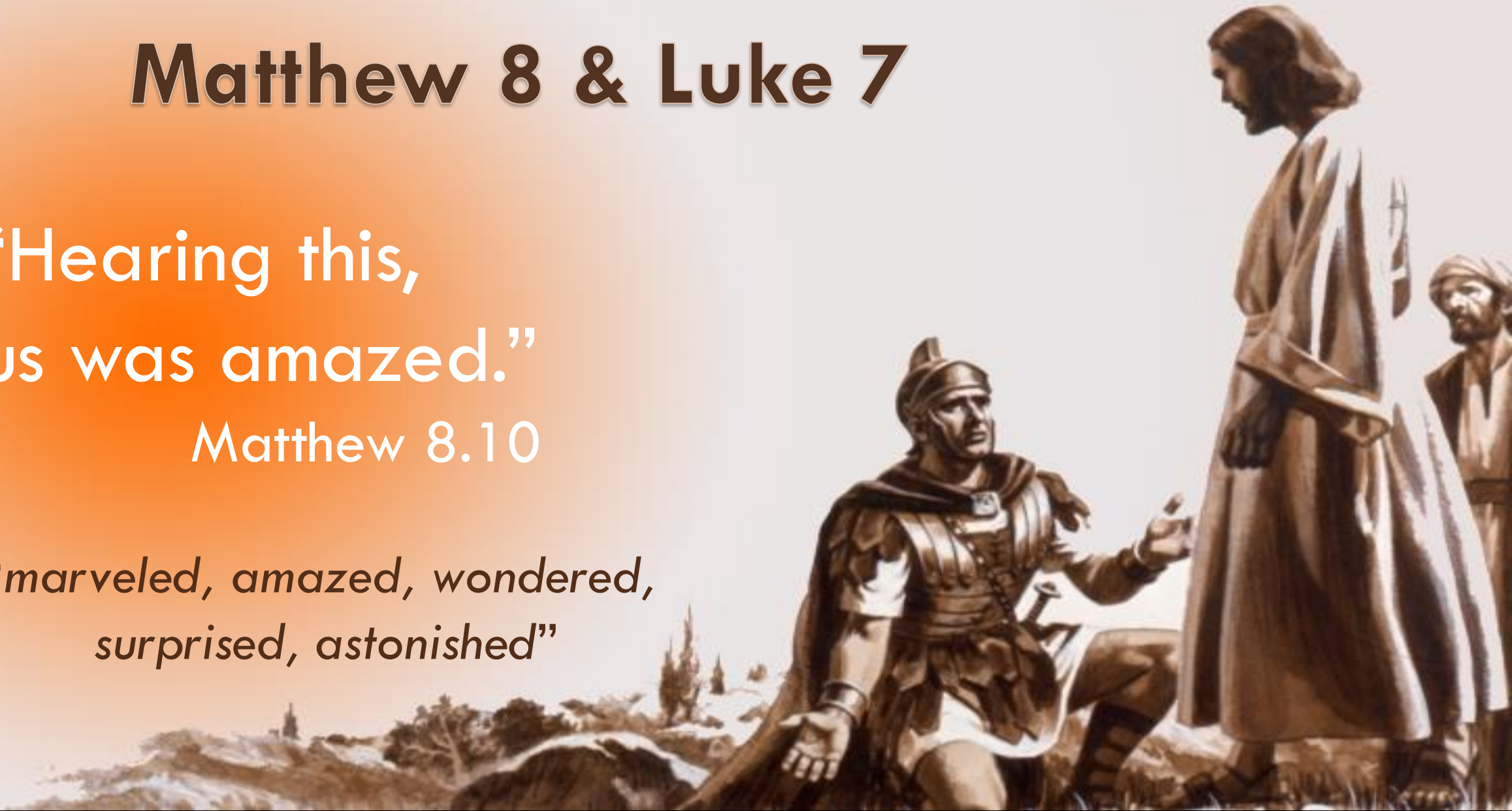
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⁶ who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited.

⁷ Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity.

Philippians 2



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- May we be most impressed by how someone responds to Jesus



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Look full in His wonder-full face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*