

**AMBITION**  
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*This sketch opens with Roman soldiers and citizens sitting around a dining table in an outdoor setting.*

**Senator:** I still say you can determine a person's worth by the size of their dreams.

**Soldier 1:** Well, that doesn't say much for me. I've never really wanted to be more than a good soldier. And to eat well. Maybe that's why I've never been promoted. Now Marcus here, wants to be a centurion. Already been promoted five times. If he gets command of Gaius's phalanx by next year? He'll be the youngest centurion ever.

**Senator:** And then what, Marcus?

**Marcus:** (*Shrugs*) I don't know. Maybe the senate.

**Senator:** What! You just want an easy life without having to work for it? ... It's okay. I'm laughing at myself. I've done this for about twelve years now and it's the easiest life I've ever had. And that's what my goal was. An easy life. Worked, didn't it Julius?

**Julius:** If you work hard at any goal, it's possible to accomplish it.

**Soldier 1:** And what's your dream?

**Julius:** Someday, I will be Caesar. (*Grim*) Count on it!

**Marcus:** Hey! Lighten up. This is a party. Let's have fun. (*Calls to a passing man*) Hey, Jew! Come here! (*Man comes to stand by table*) My good man. I was wondering if you would share with us, your highest ambition in life?

**Jew:** Certainly! It is to be a servant. (*Shrugs*) A true and faithful servant of my Lord Jesus Christ.

**Senator:** (*Contemptuous*) You may leave. (*Jew shrugs and exits*) These Jews disgusts me. That's ambition? No wonder we defeated them so easily. (*Turns to frowning Marcus*) Hey, Marcus. Would you like to grow up to be a slave? (*Laughs, but Marcus does not*) Hey, Marcus. How would you measure that man's worth?

**Marcus:** (*Stands suddenly, draws sword, steps back from table*) He's worth more than us all. If I can't find and arrest him. I remember now where I heard such words. Remember Saul of Tarsus?

**Julius:** (*Also stands*) The one they now call Paul? The one causing riots wherever he goes? Also preaching about servant hood? He's been turning the Roman Empire upside down!

**Marcus:** Exactly! (*Strides out, sword in hand, as the lights go down*)

