

JESUS AT THE CORE

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2023

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9am & 10:30am
9am LIVE

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WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHURCH IN ACTS.

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appealing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but

to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." The Ascension 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee,

MAP OF THE WORLD



EAT WHAT YOU WANT

ACTS 10-11

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Acts 10:1-8

¹At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” ⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.” ⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

Acts 10:1-8

⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

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2. Peter's Vision: "No meat is unclean."

Acts 10:9-17a

⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: **“Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”** ¹⁴ But Peter said, **“By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.”**

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¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. ¹⁷ Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean

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Cornelius and Peter meet

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Acts 10:13-14

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God's lesson for Peter – NO MEAT IS UNCLEAN!

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Acts 10:28

²⁸ And he said to them, “You yourselves know how **unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation,** **but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.**

Acts 10:34-35

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.”

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Acts 10:34-45

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of **peace through Jesus Christ** (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth** with the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**. He went about **doing good and healing all** who were oppressed by the devil, for **God was with him**.

Acts 10:34-45

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. **They put him to death** by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ **but God raised him on the third day** and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And **he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.** ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that **everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**”

Acts 10:34-45

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

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Peter and Cornelius = JESUS

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 - **Refusing to be distracted by lesser things.**