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(3) He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.
 (4) And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.
 (5) And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter:
 (6) He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.
 (7) And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;
 (8) And when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.
 (9) On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:
 (10) And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,
 (11) And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:
 (12) Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
 (13) And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

(3) He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day {3 p.m.}^b an Angel of God coming in to him, and saying to him, **Cornelius.**
 (4) And when he looked on Him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And He said to him, **Your prayers and your gifts have come up for a memorial before God.**
 (5) **And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:**
 (6) **He is staying with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell you what you should to do.**
 (7) And when the Angel Who spoke to Cornelius had departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually;
 (8) And when he had declared all *these* things to them, he sent them to Joppa.
 (9) In the morning, as they went on their journey, and drew near to the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour {noon}^c:
 (10) And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,
 (11) And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending towards him, as it had been a great sheet held at the four corners, and let down to the earth:
 (12) In which were all manner of four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and crawling things, and birds of the air^d.
 (13) And there came a voice to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.**

10:3b - ninth hour of the day - 3:00 in the afternoon - the hour of prayer - see Acts 3:1

10:9c - sixth hour - noon

10:12d - "unclean" animals that the Jews were not permitted to eat - Lev. 11; Deut. 14

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(14) But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.
(15) And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.
(16) This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.
(17) Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,
(18) And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.
(19) While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.
(20) Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.
(21) Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye are come?
(22) And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

(14) But Peter said, Not so, Lord; because I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.
(15) And the voice *spoke* to him again the second time, *What God has cleansed, that you shall not call common {or unclean}*^e.
(16) This was done three times: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.
(17) Now while Peter questioned in himself what this vision which he had seen meant, the men who were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,
(18) And called, and asked whether Simon, who was surnamed Peter, was staying there.
(19) While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, *Look, three men seek you.*
(20) *Arise therefore, and get yourself down, and go with them, questioning nothing: because I have sent them.*
(21) Then Peter went down to the men who were sent to him from Cornelius; and said, Indeed, I am he whom you seek: what *is* the reason that you have come?
(22) And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one who fears God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for you to come into his house, and to hear words from you.

10:15e - common or unclean - see Acts 10:28; 11:8

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(23) Then called he them in, and lodged *them*. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

(24) And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

(25) And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped *him*.

(26) But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

(27) And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

(28) And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

(29) Therefore came I *unto you* without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

(30) And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

(31) And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

(23) Then he called them in, and lodged *them*. And in the morning Peter went away with them, and certain brothers from Joppa accompanied him^f.

(24) And the morning after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and close friends.

(25) And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshiped *him*.

(26) But Peter lifted him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

(27) And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many who had come together.

(28) And he said to them, You know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man who is a Jew to keep company, or come to one of another nation; but God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

(29) Therefore I came *to you* without hesitation, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what reason you have sent for me?

(30) And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour {3 p.m.}^s I prayed in my house, and a man stood before me in bright clothing,

(31) And said, **Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your gifts are had in remembrance in the sight of God.**

10:23f - 6 men in all went with Peter - Acts 11:12
10:30g - ninth hour - 3:00 p.m.

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(32) Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.
(33) Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.
(34) Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
(35) But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
(36) The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
(37) That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
(38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
(39) And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

(32) **Therefore send to Joppa, and call to here Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is staying in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he comes, shall speak to you.**
(33) Therefore I immediately sent to you; and you have done well that you have come. Now therefore we are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded of you by God.
(34) Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Truly I perceive that God is no respecter of persons^h:
(35) But in every nation those who fear Him, and work righteousness, are accepted by Him.
(36) The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)
(37) That word, *I say*, you know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
(38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; because God was with Him.
(39) And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; Whom they killed and hung on a tree:

10:34^h - no respecter of persons - no person is more important to the Lord than any other person. A person's social status or wealth mean nothing to the Lord.

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(40) Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
(41) Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
(42) And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
(43) To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.
(44) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
(45) And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
(46) For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
(47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
(48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

(40) God raised Him up the third day, and showed Him openly;
(41) Not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen beforehand by God, *even* to us, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
(42) And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He Who was ordained by God *to be* the Judge of the living and dead.
(43) To Him all the prophets give witness, that through His Name whoever believes in Him shall receive forgiveness of sins.
(44) While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word.
(45) And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles {non-Jews} also.
(46) Because they heard them speak with other languages¹, and magnify God. Then Peter said,
(47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?
(48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay certain days.

10:46i - Acts 19:6

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Chapter 11

(1) And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

(2) And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

(3) Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

(4) But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by order unto them, saying,

(5) I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

(6) Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

(7) And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

(8) But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

(9) But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

(10) And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

(11) And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

Chapter 11

(1) And the apostles and brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles {non Jews} had also received the word of God.

(2) And when Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him,

(3) Saying, You went in to uncircumcised men, and ate with them.

(4) But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and explained to them, in order saying,

(5) I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

(6) Upon which when I had fastened my eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and crawling things, and birds of the air.

(7) And I heard a voice saying to me, **Arise, Peter; kill and eat.**

(8) But I said, Not so, Lord: because nothing common or unclean has at any time entered into my mouth^a.

(9) But the voice answered me again from heaven, **What God has cleansed, *that* you shall not call common {or unclean}.**

(10) And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

(11) And, indeed, immediately there were three men who had already come to the house where I was, sent from Caesarea to me.

11:8a – Acts 10:15, 28

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(12) And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

(13) And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

(14) Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

(15) And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

(16) Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**

(17) Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

(18) When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

(19) Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

(20) And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

(12) And the Spirit told me to go with them, questioning nothing. Furthermore these six brothers accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

(13) And he showed us how he had seen an Angel in his house, which stood and said to him, **Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;**

(14) **Who shall tell you words, by which you and all your household shall be saved.**

(15) And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as it did on us at the beginning.

(16) Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how that He said, **John indeed baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.^a**

(17) Since God gave them the same gift as *He did* to us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, that I could withstand God?

(18) When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then God has also granted repentance for eternal life to the Gentiles {non-Jews}.

(19) Now those who were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but to the Jews only.

(20) And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Grecians^b, preaching the Lord Jesus.

11:16a - Acts 1:5

11:20b – Grecians – Greek speaking Jews

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(21) And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

(22) Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

(23) Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

(24) For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

(25) Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

(26) And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

(27) And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

(28) And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

(21) And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned to the Lord.

(22) Then news of these things came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

(23) Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and encouraged them all, that with purpose of heart they would cling to the Lord.

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(25) Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus, in order to seek Saul:

(26) And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to pass, that for a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

(27) And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch.

(28) And there stood up one of them named Agabus^c, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar^d.

11:28c – Agabus – Acts 21:10

11:28d - See Acts 18:2; 21:10