

“THE WHOLE GOSPEL FOR THE WHOLE WORLD”

Acts 10:34-43

Introduction: Is the information about the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth fact or fiction? This information was originally spread by word-of-mouth and then written accounts. The Book of Acts is one of the written accounts that record information called the Gospel or good news about Jesus Christ.

I. Introduction to the Good News (Acts 10:34-37)

- A. Peter was sent by the Holy Spirit to meet with a man named Cornelius. Cornelius set his heart on seeking the God of Israel. God ensured that Cornelius had the opportunity to receive the information that was vital for his eternal destination. God shows no partiality and accepts people from every nation.
- B. God the Father proclaimed a message of peace through Jesus Christ to the people of Israel. Jesus is Lord of all. When you confess Jesus is Lord you are confessing His ruling and governing authority over your life.
- C. Christ began his ministry in Galilee around the time when John the Baptist ministry came to an end. John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. He was declaring the arrival of the anticipated Christ (Matthew 3:11-12).

II. The Ministry, Death, and Resurrection of the Christ (Acts 10:38-41)

- A. God the Father anointed God the Son with the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 61:1). This historical event occurred after Jesus was baptized by John (Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 4:16-21). How can Jesus be human and divine at the same time? His Divine Nature is pre-existent and uncreated (John 1:1), His human nature had a start date (John 1:14; Galatians 4:4-5). The Lord Jesus demonstrated His authority over the devil and his kingdom. He healed the sick, He cleansed the lepers, He cast out devils, and He raised the dead.
- B. Peter is sharing eyewitness testimony. Jesus was falsely accused and put to death. Jesus suffered being flogged/scourged prior to being nailed to the cross. He was mocked, spit on, and humiliated. Worst of all He bore the full weight of our sin. When He had paid the full price for our sin He died at will (Mark 15:39). The Lord was stabbed in the side with a spear to confirm His death (John 19:34). He was buried and placed in a tomb with a Roman seal and a guard of soldiers (Matthew 27:66).
- C. Peter testifies that the Father raised Jesus on the third day and showed Him to chosen witnesses. There were more than 500 eyewitnesses that interacted with Jesus after He rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:6).

Peter is an eyewitness and verifies that Jesus physically rose from the dead because he shared a meal with Him.

III. The Commission from the Christ (Acts 10:42-43)

- A. Christ commanded His disciples to share information with the people that He was ordained by the Father to be Judge of the living and the dead. Are you prepared to stand before the Judge of the living and the dead? Do you believe that your good will outweigh your bad? Do you want to take that chance and gamble with your soul?
- B. All the prophets, the entire Old Testament, witness that salvation is through the name of Jesus. Whoever believes in Jesus will receive remission (forgiveness) of sins. There is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who shed His blood to pay for our sin.
- C. Cornelius, by human standards, was a good guy. He was generous, he believed in God, he had a prayer life and ruled his household well. He even influenced his entire household to reverence God. However, good works are not sufficient to atone for sin. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is Lord of all? Do you believe Jesus died for your sin, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day? Whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

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