

# Jesus For All

## Week 9: Good News For Gentiles

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### Scripture:

Acts 10-12

### Motivation (Why You Need to Know It):

Almost 3 months ago, we read the key verse in Acts, which are the words of Jesus.

**Acts 1:8 (NLT)** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

His closest followers would spread the good news that *Jesus is for all*.

### Why do people need Jesus?

We have a sin problem.

*All of us know we aren't who we should be...we should be better and do better.*

- Are you always the right kind of friend or family member?
- Are you always honest? Have you purposefully deceived others?
- Are anger, jealousy, and bitterness lurking in your heart?
- Have pride and arrogance taken over your mind?
- Are you at odds with someone else?
- Have you perfectly lived your life the way God wants you to?

Answering these questions makes us face the facts that we are sinful people.

However, God wants to fix our sin problem.

Sin's punishment is death.

Man attempts to avoid sin's punishment through good deeds, which is not possible.

Instead of punishing man, God punished His Son.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

### **Information (What You Need to Know):**

The apostles wanted to spread this good news...

- Man is under God's judgment
- But, God has made a way to be forgiven and escape God's judgment

### **Jesus For All...**

#### ▪ **Whoever You Are**

**Acts 10:34 (NLT)** Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. **35** In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right." **36** This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

#### ▪ **Whatever You've Done**

**Acts 10:39 (NLT)** "And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, **40** but God raised him to life on the third day.... **42** And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. **43** He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name."

### **Application (What You Need To Do):**

It's easy to feel overwhelming guilt and shame for sin, but God makes it possible to be completely forgiven.

There is an immediate forgiveness.

And an ongoing forgiveness.

**1 John 2:1 (NLT)** My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. **2** He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.