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God’s Scandalous Grace For Everyone

Acts 10-12




Scandalous Inclusion:
Breaking Down Walls

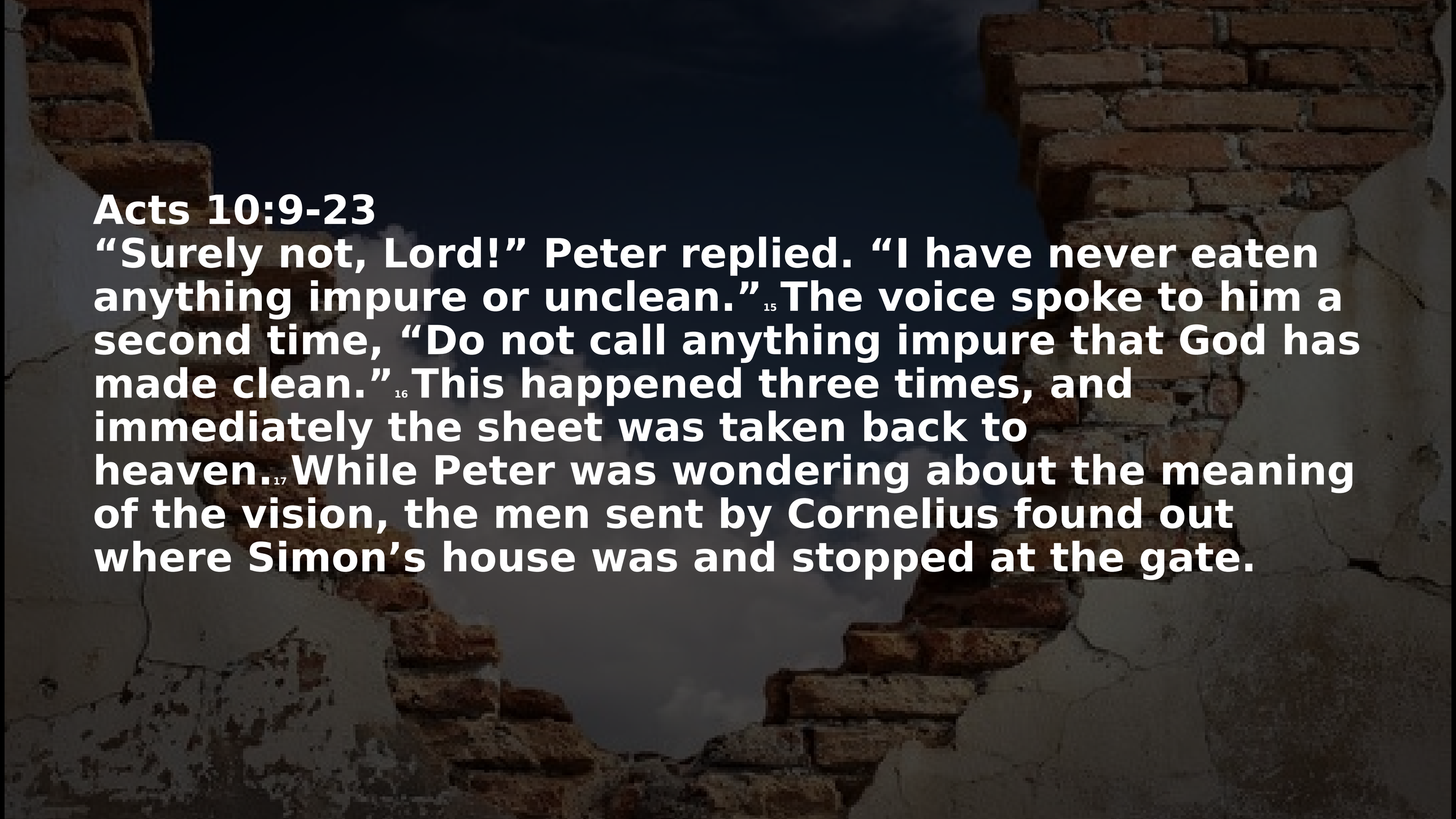
Acts 10:1-6
“At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2 He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3 One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” 4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked.

Acts 10:1-6

“The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

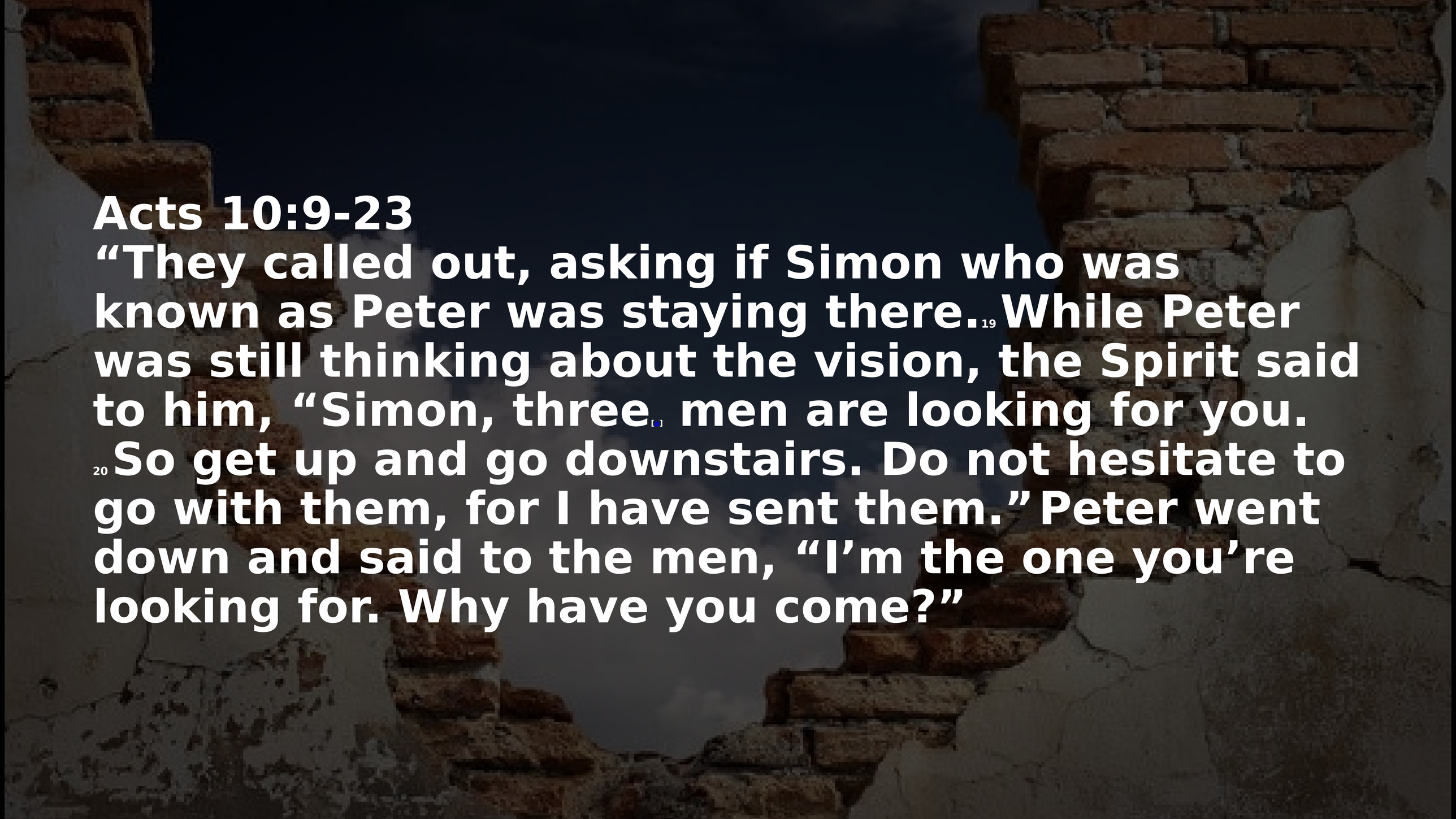
Acts 10:9-23

“About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. 12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. 13 Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”



Acts 10:9-23

“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”15 The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.17 While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate.



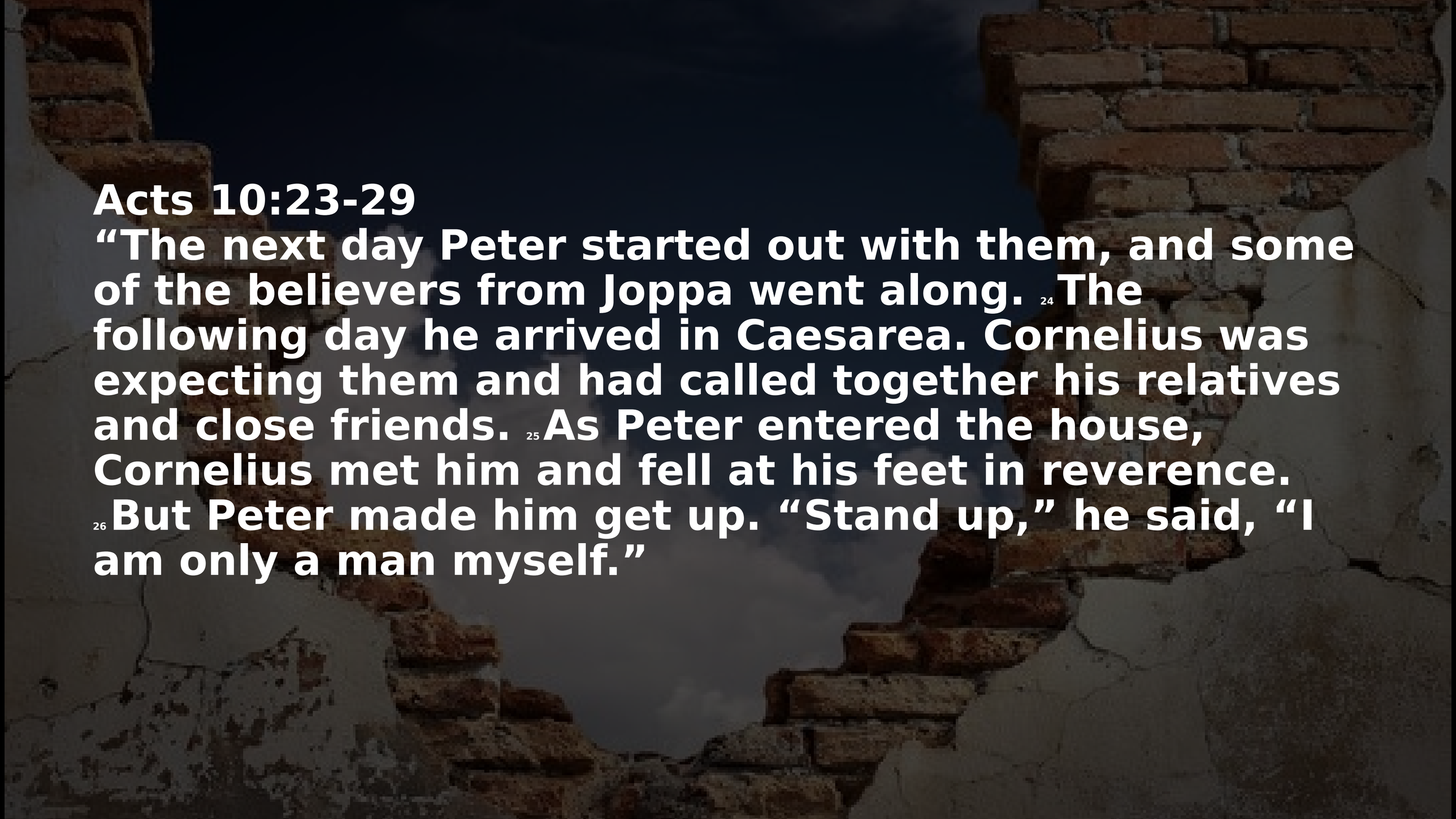
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“They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three[a] men are looking for you. 20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.” Peter went down and said to the men, “I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?”

Acts 10:9-23

“The men replied, “We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.” 23 Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.


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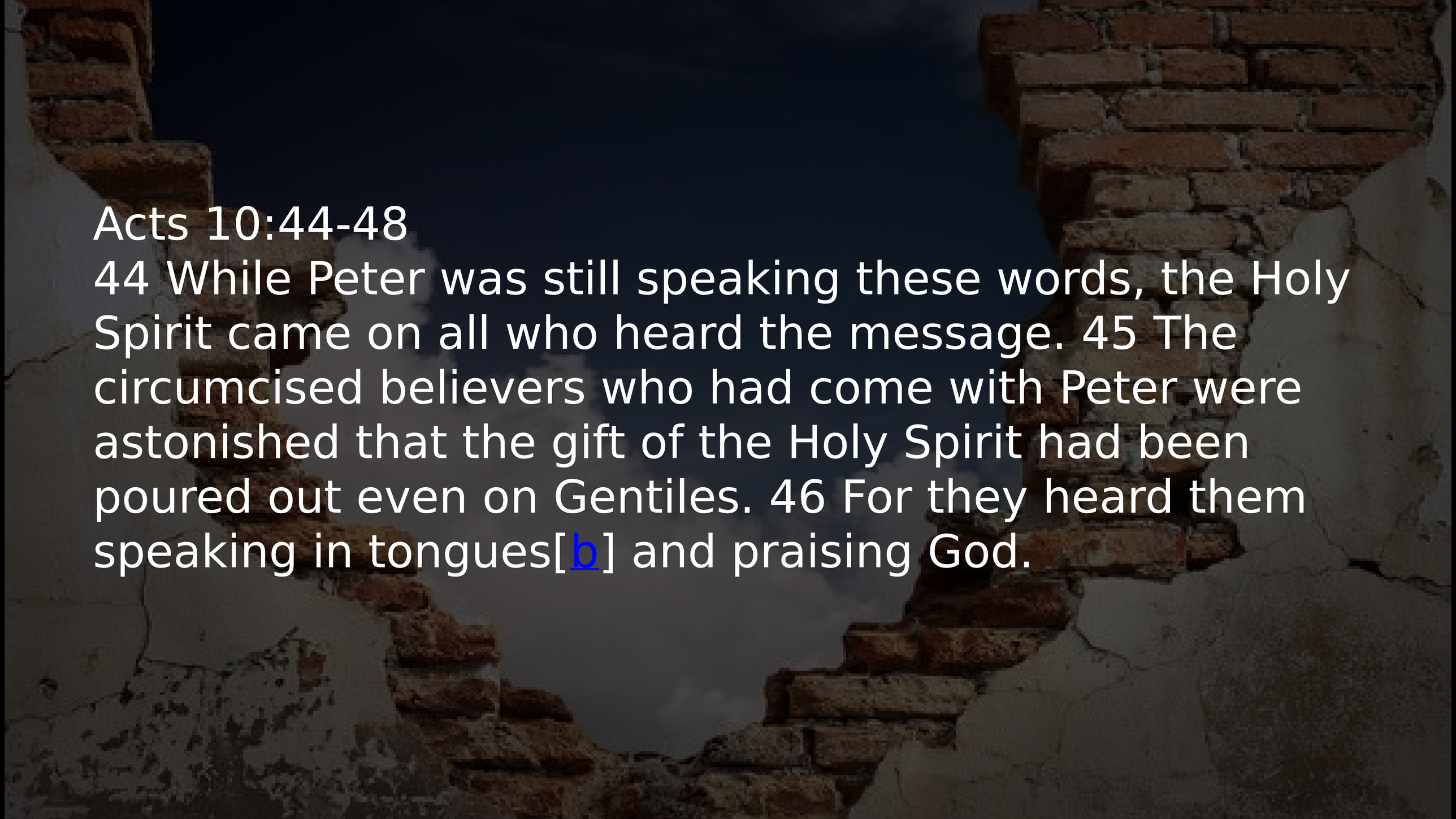
Acts 10:23-29

“The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. 24 The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. 26 But Peter made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.”

Acts 10:23-29

“While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. 28 He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”


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Acts 10:44-48
44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy
Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The
circumcised believers who had come with Peter were
astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been
poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them
speaking in tongues[b] and praising God.

Acts 10:44-48

Then Peter said, 47 “Surely no one can stand in the way
of their being baptized with water. They have received
the Holy Spirit just as we have.” 48 So he ordered that
they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they
asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.”


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Scandalous Realignment of Community

Acts 11:1-3
“The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him 3 and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

Acts 11:15-18

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as
he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I
remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized
with[a] water, but you will be baptized with[a] the Holy
Spirit.’ “So if God gave them the same gift he gave us
who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to
think that I could stand in God’s way?” 18 When they
heard this, they had no further objections and praised
God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has
granted repentance that leads to life.”



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