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Study of Acts:  
Chapters 10-11

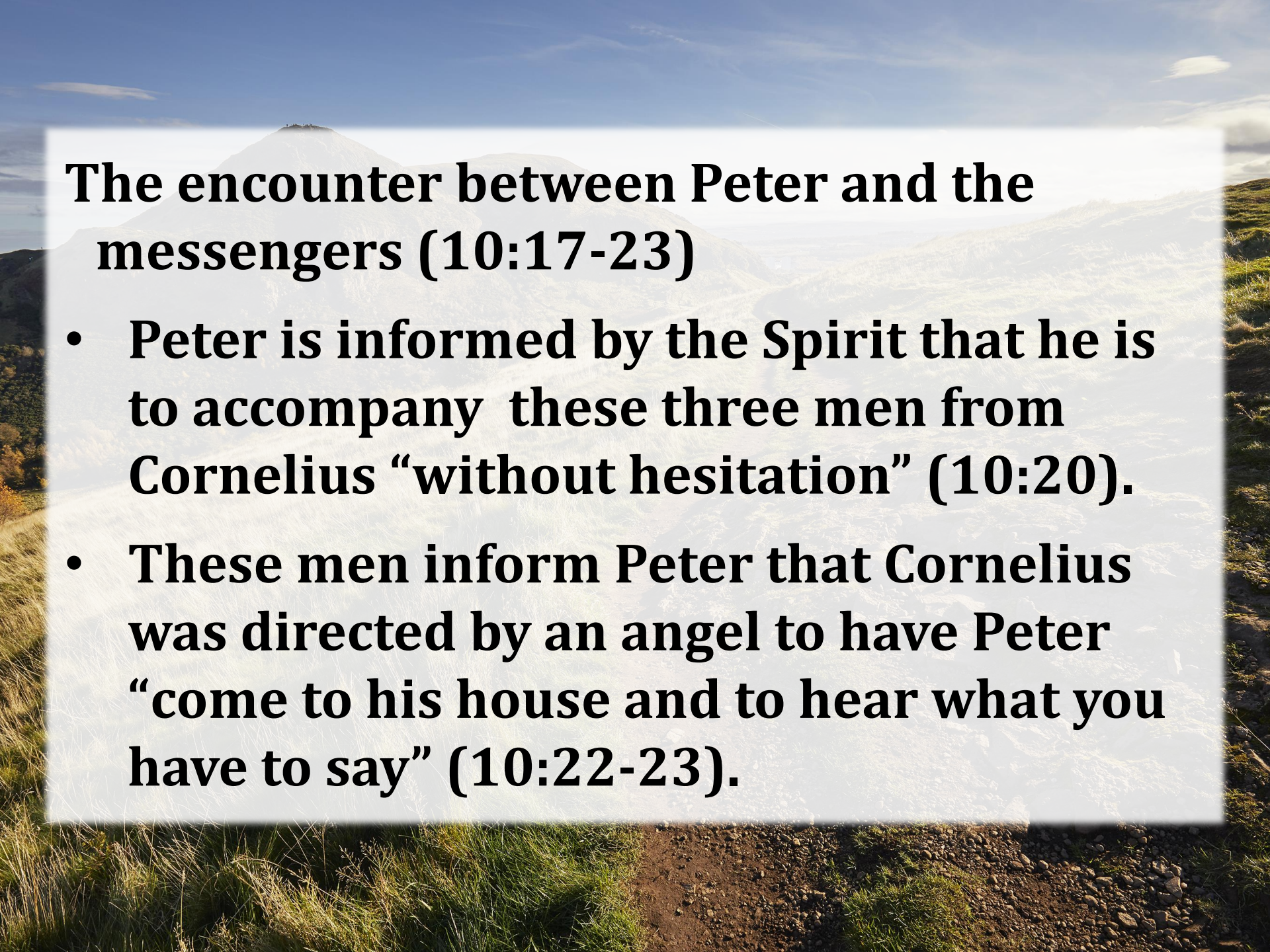
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## **The vision of Cornelius (10:1-8)**

- **Cornelius was a Roman centurion over the Italian cohort stationed in Caesarea. He was a God-fearing Gentile, who prayed regularly and gave alms to the people. (10:1-2)**
- **In a vision, an angel instructed Cornelius to have Peter brought to him from Joppa. (10:3-6)**
- **Then Cornelius instructed two of his servants and a soldier to go to Joppa on this mission. (10:7-8)**

## **The vision of Peter (10:9-16)**

- **In a trance, Peter saw a great sheet descending from above, containing all kinds of animals and reptiles. (10:9-12)**
- **A voice spoke to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” Peter replied, “No, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common of unclean.” Then the voice said to Peter, “What God has cleaned, you must not call common.” (10:13-16)**



## **The encounter between Peter and the messengers (10:17-23)**

- **Peter is informed by the Spirit that he is to accompany these three men from Cornelius “without hesitation” (10:20).**
- **These men inform Peter that Cornelius was directed by an angel to have Peter “come to his house and to hear what you have to say” (10:22-23).**

# **Peter arrives at Cornelius's home (10:23-33)**

- **There are six brethren that accompany Peter from Joppa to Caesarea. Cornelius has gathered his kinsmen and friends in his home. Peter states to the audience that they knew that Jews were not permitted to associate with Gentiles. But God had shown him that no man was common or unclean. (10:23-28)**
- **Cornelius then recounts his vision. He adds that they were present “to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord” (10:30-33).**

## **Peter preaches a sermon (10:34-43)**

- He first proclaims that “God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (10:34-35).**
- Peter describes Jesus’ ministry of doing good, performing miracles, and preaching good news. (10:36-38)**

## **Peter preaches a sermon (10:34-43)**

- He recounts Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, stating that he and others were witnesses of these events. (10:39-41)**
- In turn, the disciples were commanded to preach to the people, that "everyone who believes in him receives the forgiveness of sins" (10:42-43).**

## **The outpouring of the Holy Spirit (10:44-48)**

- Suddenly, while Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon this gathering. These Gentiles began “speaking in tongues and extolling God” (10:44-46).**
- Peter then exclaims, “Can anyone forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit, just as we have?” (10:47)**
- Peter then commanded that “they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ” (10:48).**





## **The reaction of the Jerusalem church (11:1-3)**

- **The church received the news of the conversion of Cornelius and his household. (11:1)**
- **The circumcision party criticized Peter, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” (11:2-3)**

## **Peter's response (11:4-18)**

- Peter recounts his vision, the Spirit telling him to accompany these men sent by Cornelius, the vision of Cornelius, and how the Holy Spirit fell upon these Gentiles. (11:5-16)**
- Peter concluded by stating that these Gentiles had received the same gift that he and others had received. “Who was I that I could withstand God?” (11:17-18)**
- This silenced the critics and led others to glorify God that the Gentiles had been “granted repentance unto life” (11:18).**

## **The spread of the church to Antioch (11:19-26)**

- **Antioch of Syria becomes a great center of the early church.**
- **The gospel is preached to the Greeks, and large numbers were added to the church. (11:19-21)**
- **The Jerusalem church sends Barnabas to Antioch. He is described “as a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (11:22-24).**



## **The spread of the church to Antioch (11:19-26)**

- **Barnabas goes to Tarsus to find Saul, and he brings him to Antioch. (11:25-26)**
- **It was at Antioch that the disciples were for the first time called Christians. (11:26)**

## **The prophecy of Agabus (11:27-30)**

- **Agabus, a prophet, foretold that there would be a famine. this later occurred in he reign of the Roman emperor Claudius. (11:27-28)**
- **This prediction led to the disciples taking up a collection to the Christians in Judea. This collection was carried to the elders in Judea by Barnabas and Saul. (11:29-30)**

