



# Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus class for Sept 12, 2021

*Acts Ch 10B & 11 – Peters ministry*

# Acts Basic Outline

Six sections, each ending with a summary

- ✓ **Chapters 1-6:7** – Church in Jerusalem and Peter's preaching. Church growing and large number of Priests were coming to the Lord
- ✓ **Chapters 6:8-9:31** – Church spreading and growing in all Roman Palestine, and the martyrdom of Stephen. Churches multiplying in Galilee
- ✓ **Ch 9:32-12:24** – Conversion of Saul to Paul, the extension of the church into Antioch and Peter's reception of Cornelius the Gentile into the church
- **Ch 12:25-16:5** – The church is spreading in Asia Minor (Turkey) and the spreading of the Gospel in Galatia
- **Ch 16:6-19:20** – The church crossed the Med and spreads to Europe. Paul is starting churches in Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth
- **Ch 19:21-28:31** – Arrival of Paul in Rome and his imprisonment. Paul boldly proclaims Jesus Christ, and tells of the Kingdom

# Short discussion of Change

Remembrance of 9/11/2001

Some events change an individual

- Hearing the C word from a Doctor
- Death of a loved one
- Accident that changes us

Some events change a group of people

- Disaster like hurricane, tornado, fires, floods

Some events change a nation or world so that it will never be the same

- Certainly 9/11/2001 but also 12/7/1941
- COVID
- Sept 14, 1948

*Nothing is more constant, than change*

# Turmoil in the early Church

- Christ was the Messiah prophesied in the OT
- Came for Jews, but ...*also for Gentiles*
- Salvation and the HS poured out on Jews...*also Gentiles*
- Full inclusion in God's plan for Jews...*also Gentiles*
- *Jews felt special because they were "chosen"...turns out Gentiles will be chosen as well*
- *Jewish hate of people not like them has no place in the Christian life*
- *Persecution was rampant*
- *Jewish ceremonial law, and traditions are turned upside down*
- *On and On*
- *Changes are coming fast*

*The whole book of Acts is about change...in the church, and hearts of believers*

# A few Biblical metaphors to prepare us

- Take off the Old Garments, and put on the new
- The old creature has gone away replaced by the new one
- Renew/refresh your mind
- Smooth out the rough edges to conform us to your image.

*But nothing really prepared Peter for his days in Joppa and Caesarea Maritime.*

# Recap of where we are

- Peter has gone to Joppa
- Healing people as he went
- Raising people from the dead
- Stays with Simon the Tanner
- Has a vision of a sheet with non-kosher animals for food and he rejects it 3 times. Each time the Lord tells Peter not to count unclean what the Lord says in Clean
- At the same time the Lord sends an angel to a centurion called Cornelius, and told him his prayers had been heard and he was to send for man named Peter in Joppa
- God prepares both ends of the encounter, and we pick up with today's lesson.

# Acts Ch10: 19-23 A review

*19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you.*

*20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”*

*21 Peter went down and said to the men, “I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?”*

*22 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.*

# Acts Ch 10:24-29 *Peter learns something*

*The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along.*

*<sup>24</sup> The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.*

*<sup>25</sup> As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence.*

*<sup>26</sup> But Peter made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.”*

*<sup>27</sup> While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.*

*<sup>28</sup> 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.***

*<sup>29</sup> So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”*

# Acts Ch 10:30-33

*30 Cornelius answered: “Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me*

*31 and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.*

*32 Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’*

*33 So I sent for you immediately, and it was **good of you** to come. **Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”***

# Acts Ch10:34- 43 *Peter explains...*

***34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism***

***35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.***

***36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.***

***37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—***

***38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.***

***39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,***

***40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.***

***41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.***

***42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.***

***43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.***

# Acts Ch10:44-48 *A big surprise to all*

*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.** <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.*

*Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit **just as we have.**” <sup>48</sup> 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.*

# Acts Ch11:1-3 *A successful “road trip”*

*11 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.**”*

*Not a question but a statement. I keep thinking about something we all have heard...”*

***Lucy, you have some splainin to do”***

# Acts Ch 11:4-17 Peter explains everything

*<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story:*

*<sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.*

*<sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw **four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds.***

*<sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, **‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’***

*<sup>8</sup> “I replied, **‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’***

*<sup>9</sup> “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, **‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’***

*<sup>10</sup> This happened **three times**, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.*

*<sup>11</sup> “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.*

*<sup>12</sup> **The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house.***

*<sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.*

*<sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’*

*<sup>15</sup> “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.*

*<sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: **‘John baptized with<sup>[a]</sup> water, but you will be baptized with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit.’***

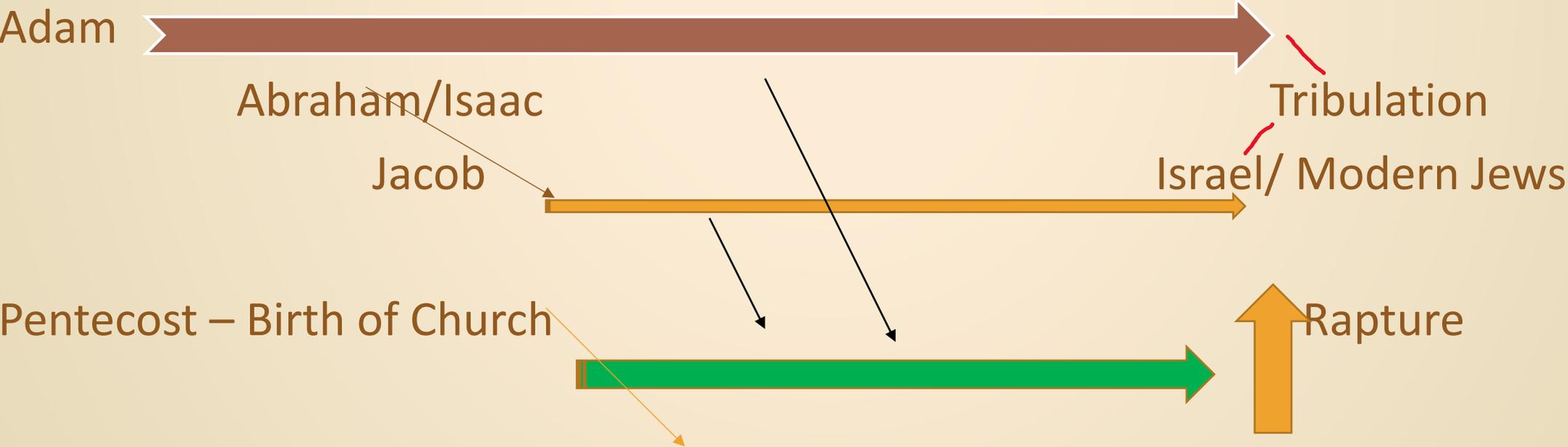
*<sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, **who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”***

Acts Ch 11:18. ...*Any questions?*

***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.”***

# Important to understand this information

- **3 strands of the human family.** *Important to understand for prophecy and judgments*
- Gentiles (non Jews) Muslims, Hindu, Atheist, Agnostic
- Jews through Jacob only, not Esau
- Christians – a new human family, neither Jew nor Gentile but recruits from both.



# The Gospel is on the move again...

Check out Phoenicia  
Cyprus, and Antioch



# Acts Ch 11:19-24. The Gospel spreads again

***19** Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, **spreading the word only among Jews.***

***20** Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.*

***21** The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.*

***22** News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.*

***23** When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.*

***24** He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.*

# Acts Ch 11: 25-30 Barnabus the Encourager

*25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,*

*26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So, for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.*

*27 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.*

*28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)*

*29 The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea.*

*30 This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.*

# Before next week

- *If you have not signed up for the Prayer and Fasting effort by FRC,*

*Please do; you will get a prayer guide which is easy to follow...you still have time*

*Come and support Bill Minor*

- *Pray for our class list of needs*
- *Pray for Israel in this ever more hostile world*
- *Pray for America in this dark time*