**“GET UP, PETER. KILL AND EAT.”**

Acts 9:32-11:18 (10:13)

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1. Why do you think Peter travelled about the country? (32a, 31, 35, 42) Who did Peter meet in Lydda? (32b-33) How did Peter heal Aeneas? (34; John 5:8[[1]](#footnote-2)) Who was Tabitha and what happened to her? (36-37) How did Peter raise her from the dead? (38-41; Mark 5:40-42[[2]](#footnote-3)) What do these events tell us about Peter’s growth as a disciple of Jesus and shepherd of His flock?
2. Who was Cornelius? (10:1) Why is it odd yet impressive that Cornelius was devout[[3]](#footnote-4), God fearing, gave generously to those in need and regularly prayed to God? (10:2) Describe the vision Cornelius had one day? (3-6) Why did the angel tell Cornelius to send for Peter? (11:13-14) What does this event tell us about God’s next move? (1:8[[4]](#footnote-5)) How did Cornelius respond? (7-8)
3. In the meantime, where was Peter and what was he doing? (9:43, 10:9-10) Describe the vision Peter had the day after the angel appeared to Cornelius (11-13) Why did Peter so strongly resist God’s command to “Get up. Kill and eat?” (14; Leviticus 11[[5]](#footnote-6)) But what did God say to Peter? (15-16)
4. What happened next? (17-20) What did this reveal about the meaning of the vision? Consider especially the difference between Peter and God’s heart towards the Gentiles. (28; 11:2; John 4:9[[6]](#footnote-7)) What did God want Peter to accept through this vision? (28b; 34; 11:15-18; 1:8bFN4) How did Peter respond to God’s vision and word? (21-29) What does this show about Peter?
5. What did Peter share with Cornelius and those who gathered in his house? (36-37; 11:14) Look carefully at the gospel Peter preached. What are the main points that he makes about Jesus (38, 39b) About God? (40, 42b) About himself (39a, 41-42a)? What was his invitation? (43) What happened to all who heard the message? (44-48) How does this encourage you to also (1) Get up (2) Kill and eat?
1. John 5:8 “Then Jesus said to the man, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Mark 5:40-42 After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Acts 1:8 “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, **and to the ends of the earth.”** [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Lev 11: 43-44 Do not defile yourselves by any of these creatures. Do not make yourselves unclean by means of them or be made unclean by them. I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy……47: You must distinguish between the unclean and the clean, between living creatures that may be eaten and those that may not be eaten.’ ” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. John 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)