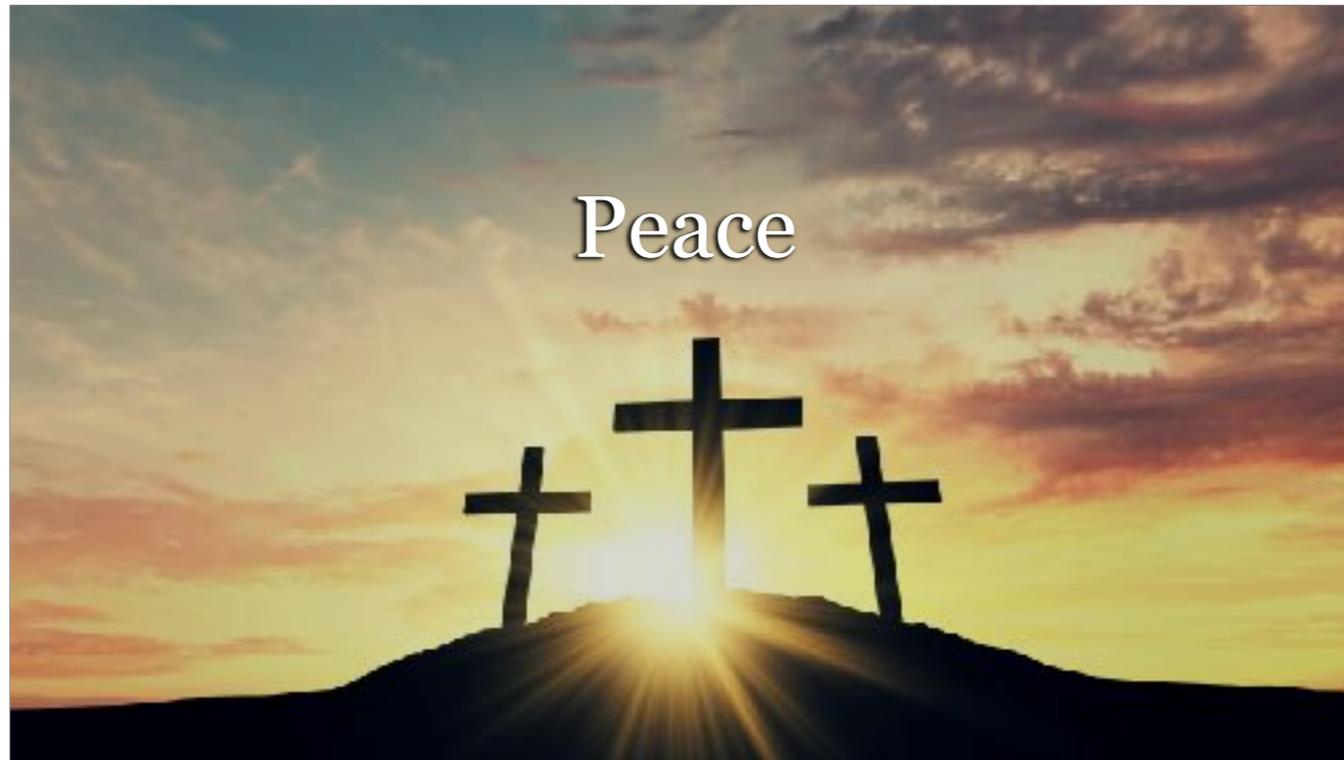


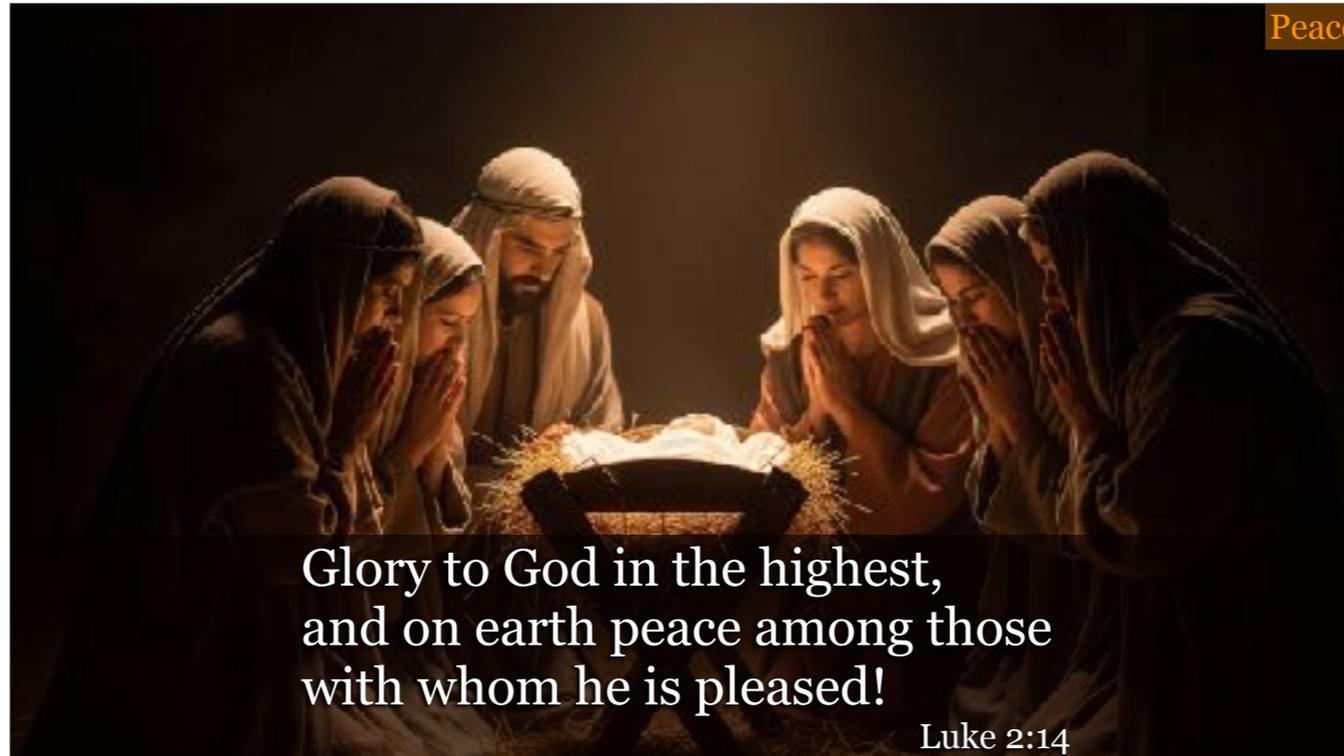
Good News of Peace

Acts 10





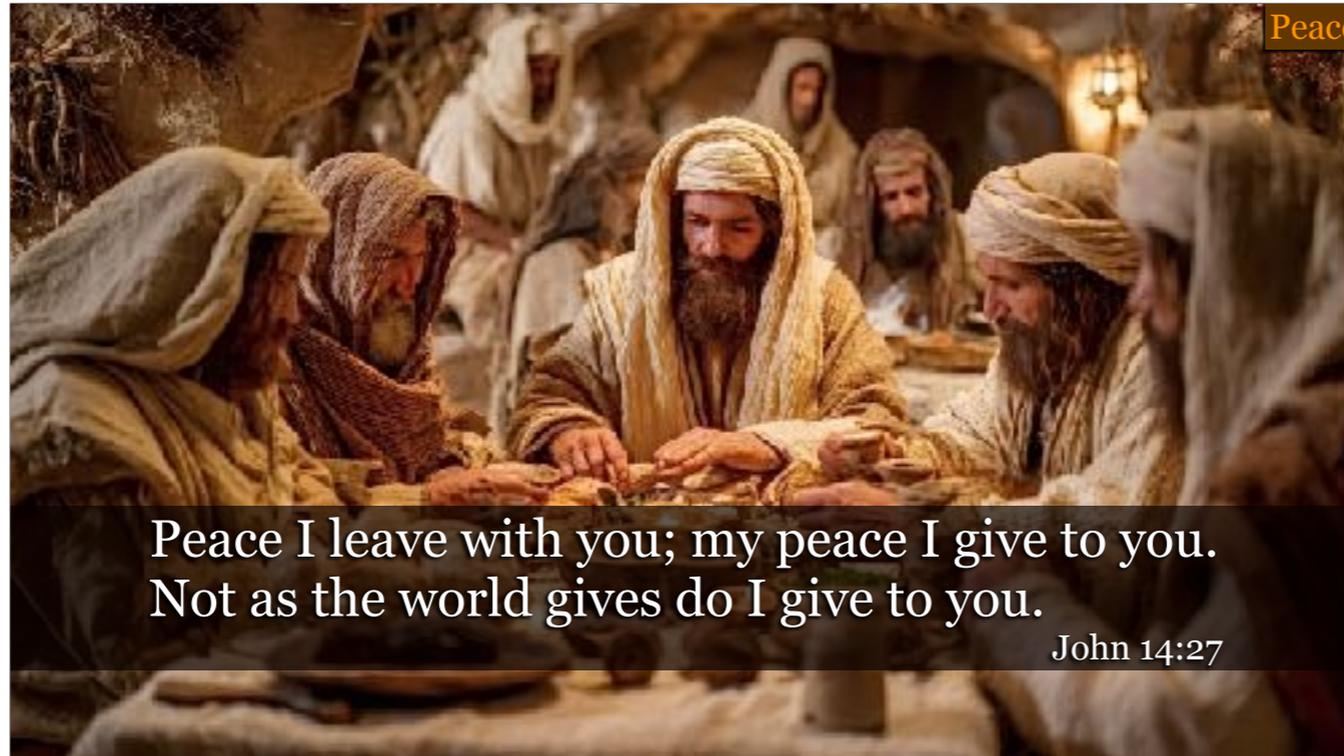
- The Roman Empire from 27 BC to 180 AD was in a period known as Pax Romana (Roman Peace)
- Militarily, they were not at war (much) with other nations.
- And the peace during this time was considered a high point in their empire.
- But Jesus also came with a message of peace.



Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!

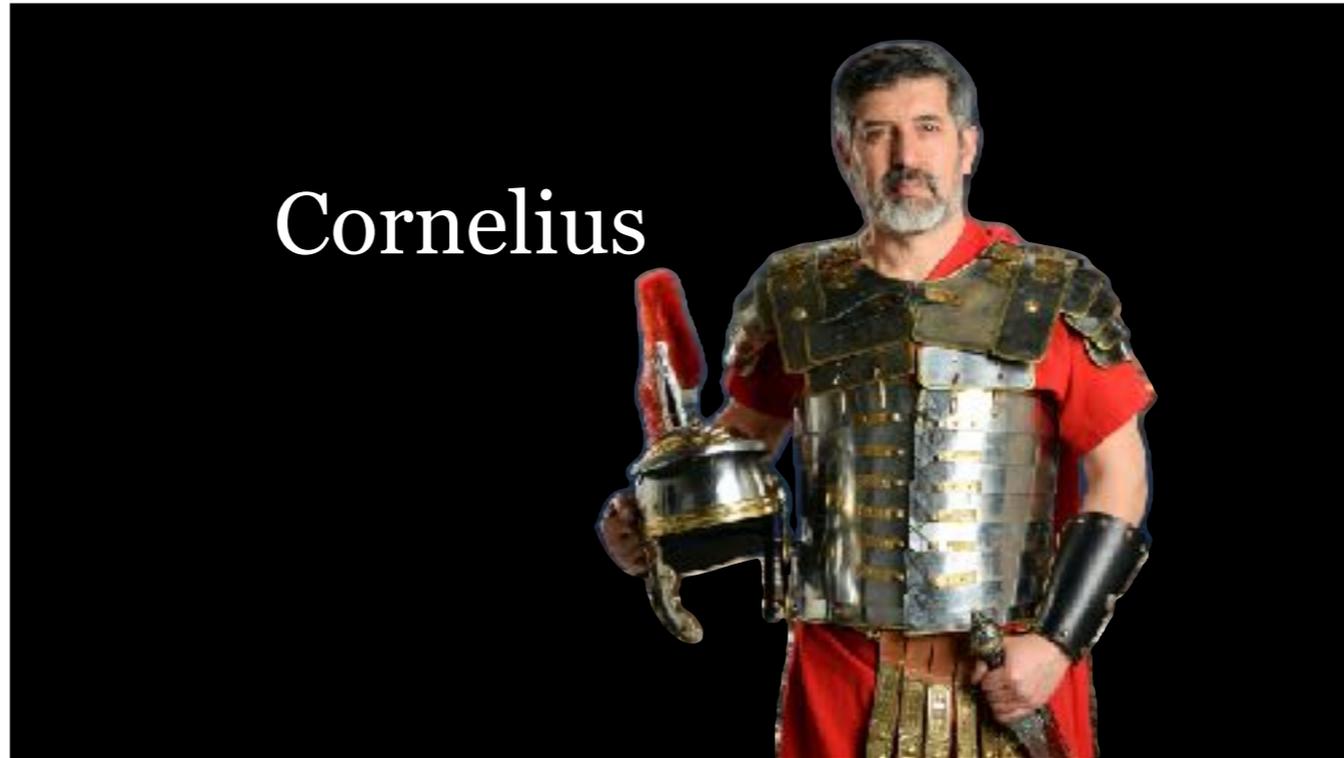
Luke 2:14

- Luke 2:14 (ESV)
- 14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”



- John 14:27 (ESV)
- 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Cornelius



- For most of us, our images of Roman soldiers is of hardy warriors.
- Centurion is roughly equivalent to a captain in modern military ranks.
- But for us Cornelius the Roman Centurion is portrayed as a very good man.



- Saul
 - zealous for God
 - do many things in opposing Jesus
 - kicking against the goads
 - Was Saul a man at peace before conversion? Raging fury!



- Cornelius
 - devout
 - feared God
 - prayed to God
 - gave alms



- 4) Angel: prayers and alms ascended as a memorial before God
 - 31) prayer has been heard
 - 31) alms remembered before God
- He seems to have heard of something of Jesus
 - Acts 10:37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed



- Seems that both men had heard about Jesus to some extent
 - Both seemed to be concerned about serving God
 - Cornelius' memorial would be much different than Saul's?
 - Raging fury
 - Prayers and alms

Now therefore we are all
here in the presence of
God to hear all that you
have been commanded
by the Lord.

Acts 10:33



- Acts 10:33 So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”



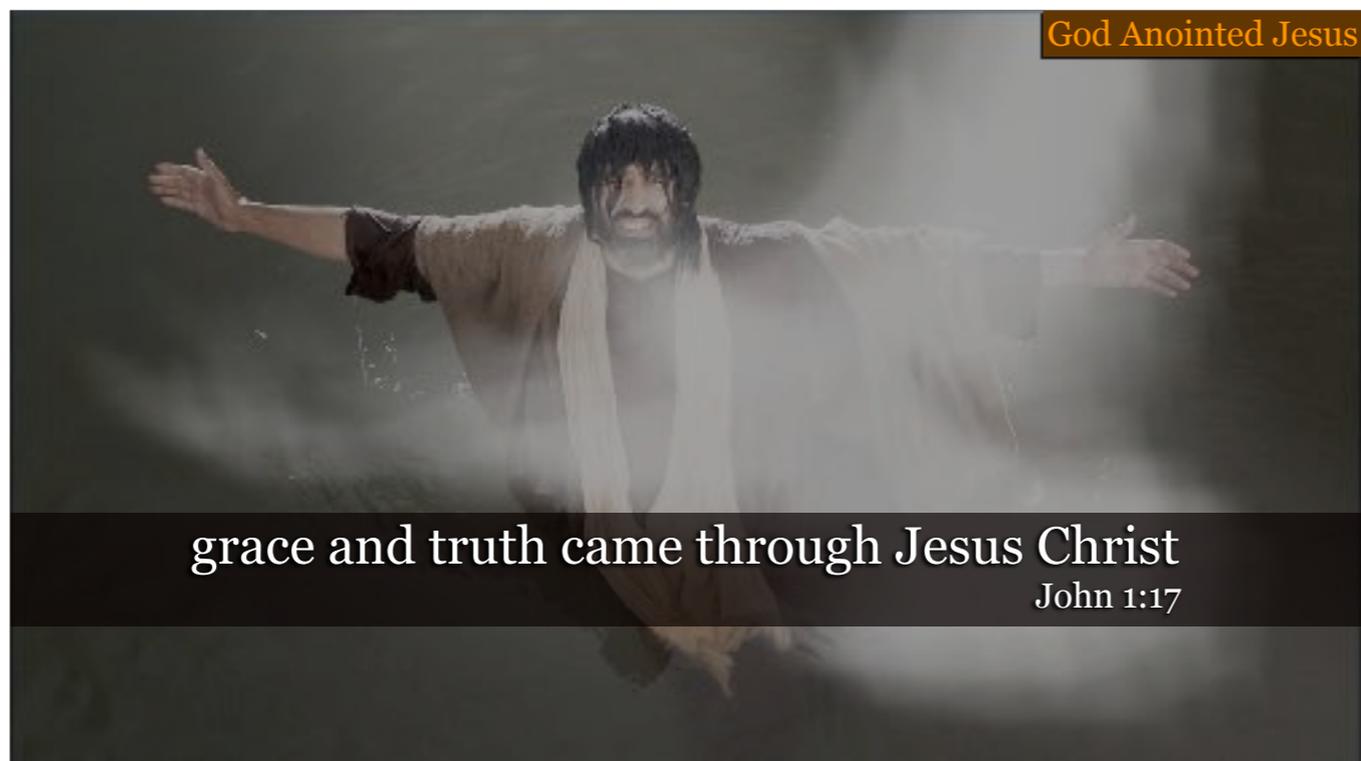
- God anointed Jesus



- Acts 10:38-39 (ESV)
- how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
 - with the Holy Spirit and with power.
- He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
 - for God was with him.
- And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.



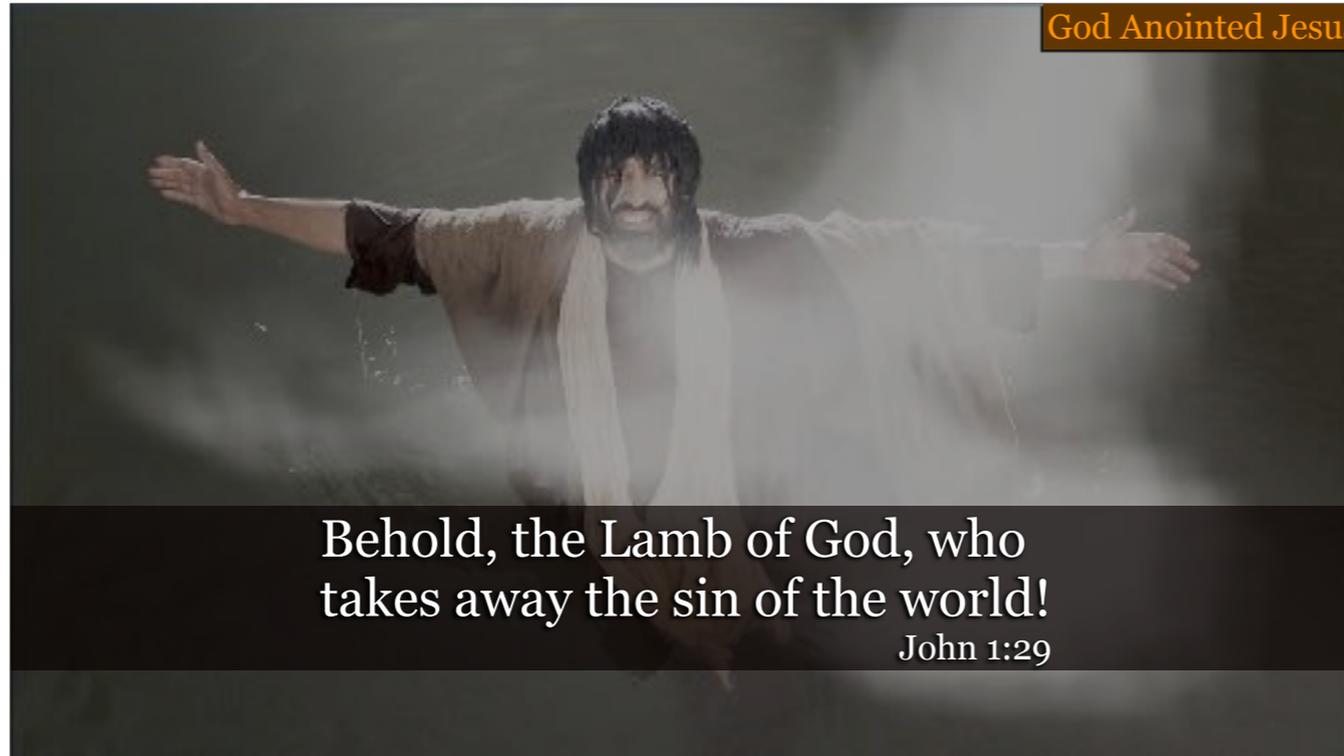
- Why is it important that Cornelius know that
- God anointed Jesus
 - Jesus was not just a man who decided that he was the Messiah
 - He chosen by God with a purpose



- grace and truth

- John 1:16-17 — For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

God Anointed Jesus

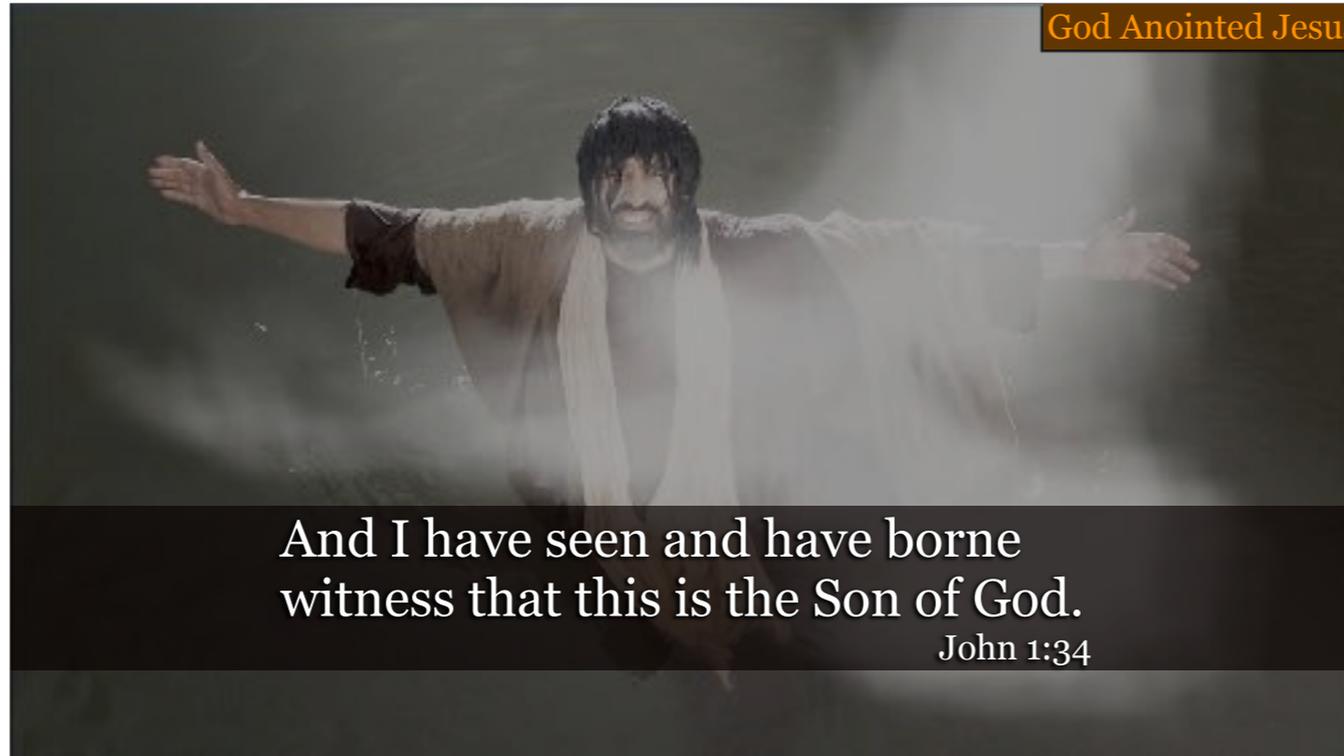


Behold, the Lamb of God, who
takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29

- Lamb of God, takes away the sin of the world
 - John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

God Anointed Jesus



And I have seen and have borne
witness that this is the Son of God.

John 1:34

- Son of God
 - John 1:34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

God Anointed Jesus



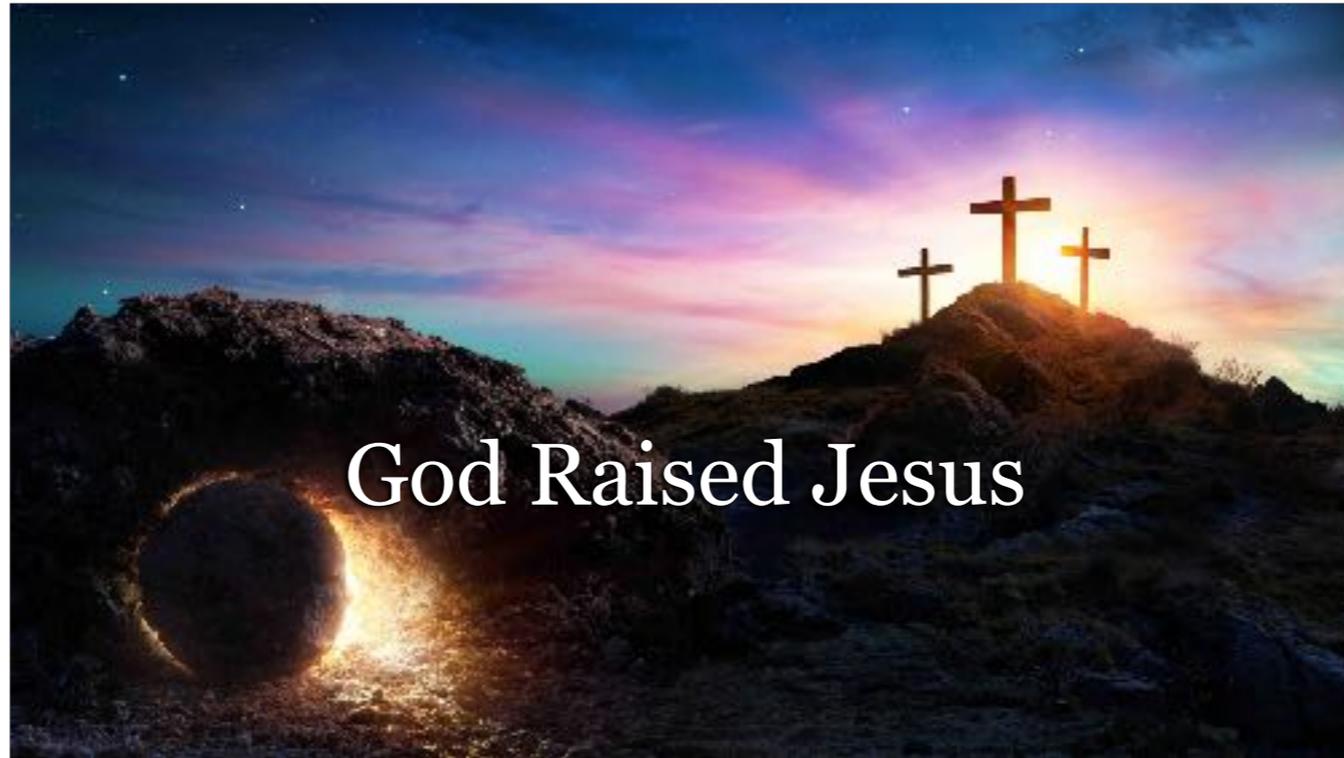
Go and tell John what you have seen and heard:
the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers
are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised
up, the poor have good news preached to them.

Luke 7:22

- Jesus was doing good and healing — God was with him?

- Luke 7:20-22 (ESV)

- 20 And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” 21 In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. 22 And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.



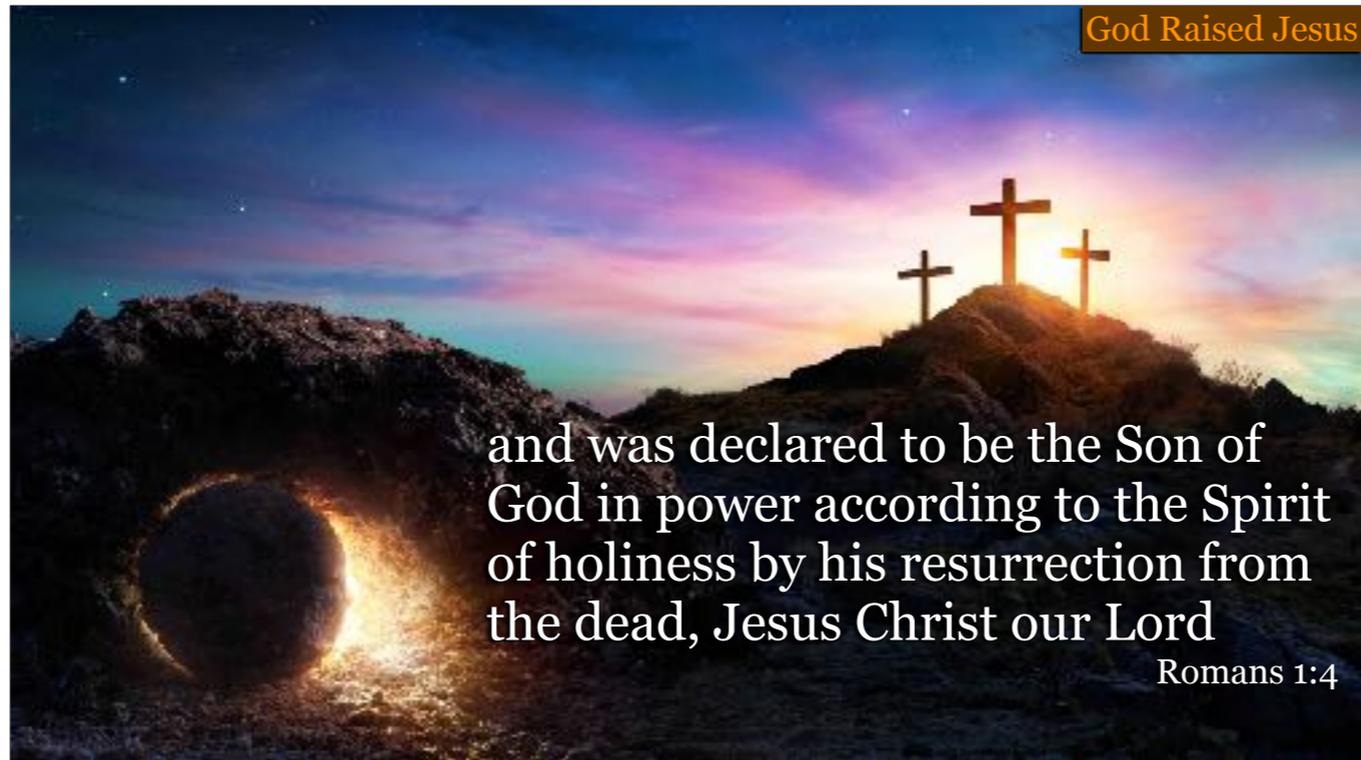
- God Raised Jesus



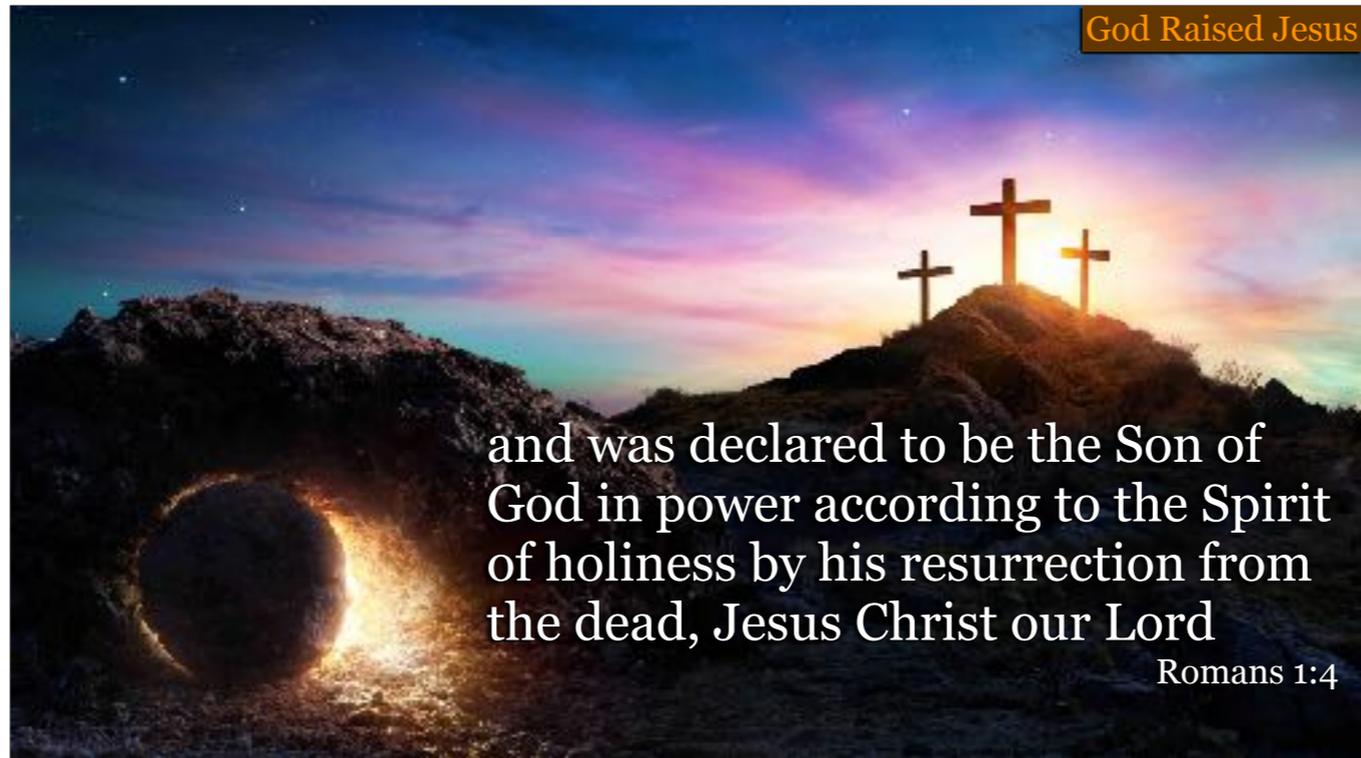
- Acts 10:39-41 (ESV)
- They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,
- 40 but God raised him on the third day and
- made him to appear,
 - 41 not to all the people
 - but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses,
 - who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.



- Why does Cornelius need to know about Jesus' death and resurrection?
- Clearly more time is spent on the resurrection of the dead.
- Death is important because he's the lamb of God to take away the sin of the world



- Resurrection demonstrates that he is the son of God
 - Romans 1:4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 - Power: overcoming death, therefore hope for eternal life



God Raised Jesus

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Romans 1:4

• Witnesses:

- ate and drank with him
- Proximity
- Normal human activity
- Communication (42: he command us...)
- Not an illusion, vision, dream, mass delusion



- God Appointed Jesus to be Judge

God Appointed Jesus to be Judge



- Acts 10:42-43 (ESV)
- 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify
- that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
- 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that
 - everyone who believes in him
 - receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

God Appointed Jesus to be Judge



For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:10

- The judgment

- 2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

God Appointed Jesus to be Judge

so Christ ... will appear a second time ... to
save those who are eagerly waiting for him.
Hebrews 9:28

- Hebrews 9:27-28 — And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.



- Believes
 - Based on what Peter has said, what does Cornelius need to believe?
 - God anointed Jesus as the Christ
 - Jesus died and God raised him from the dead
 - God appointed Jesus to be the judge.
 - What weaves through all of these is the reminder our sin and the consequences of our sins
 - But God, through Jesus, has provided a solution for our sinfulness.



- Forgiveness

- Romans 3:21-26 (ESV) 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
 - 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

God Appointed Jesus to be Judge



- For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift,
- through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
 - 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,
 - to be received by faith.

God Appointed Jesus to be Judge



- This was to show God's righteousness,
 - because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
 - 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time,
 - so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

God Appointed Jesus to be Judge



- Forgiveness means that although we will be judged, we are saved by his grace.
 - Judgment holds no fear to those who are forgiven.
- This is the good news of peace through Jesus Christ

Baptizing These People



- Acts 10:47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”
- Do you want peace with God?
 - You can be devout and god-fearing
 - You can pray and give alms
- But what you really need is Jesus
 - Believe today, be baptized

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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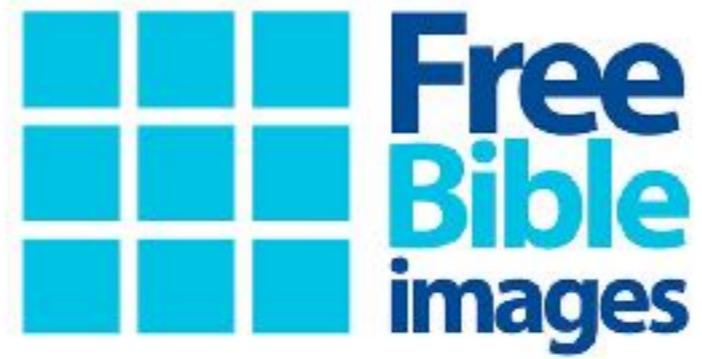
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Synopsis: Cornelius is a godly man, but he didn't really know about Jesus. In this lesson, Peter presents the good news of peace to Cornelius teaching him that God anointed him, God raised him, and God appointed him judge. But by believing in Jesus we can have forgiveness.

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