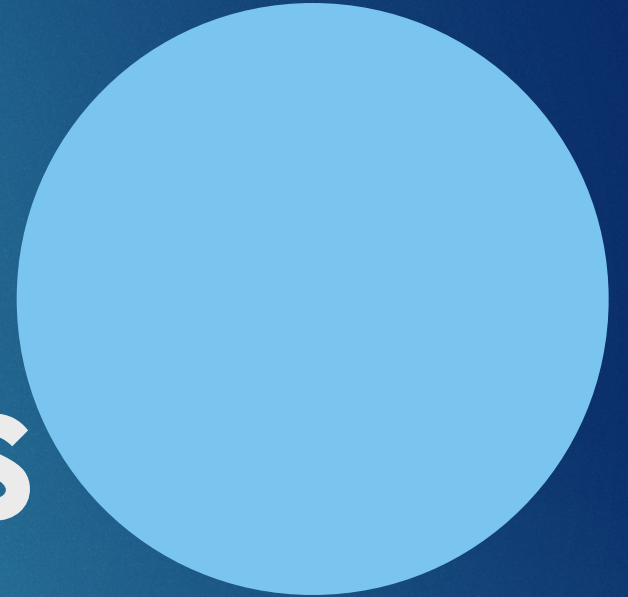


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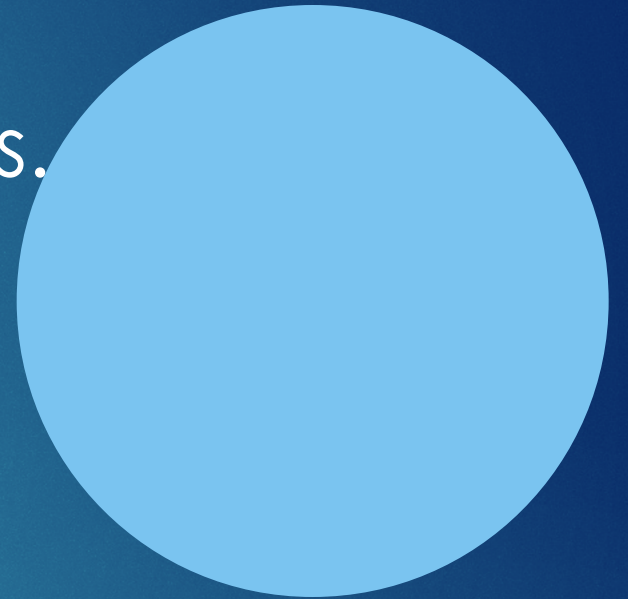
The Conversion of Cornelius (Acts 10)

– Part 1



Review of Previous Lesson:

- ▶ We discussed the healing of Aeneas.
- ▶ We explored the raising of Tabitha (Dorcas).



In this Lesson:

- ▶ We will see how God took notice of Cornelius.
- ▶ We will discuss how God opens Peter's eyes.



God remembers Cornelius

ACTS 10:1 – 8

Acts 10:1 – 2 (ESV)

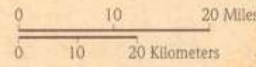
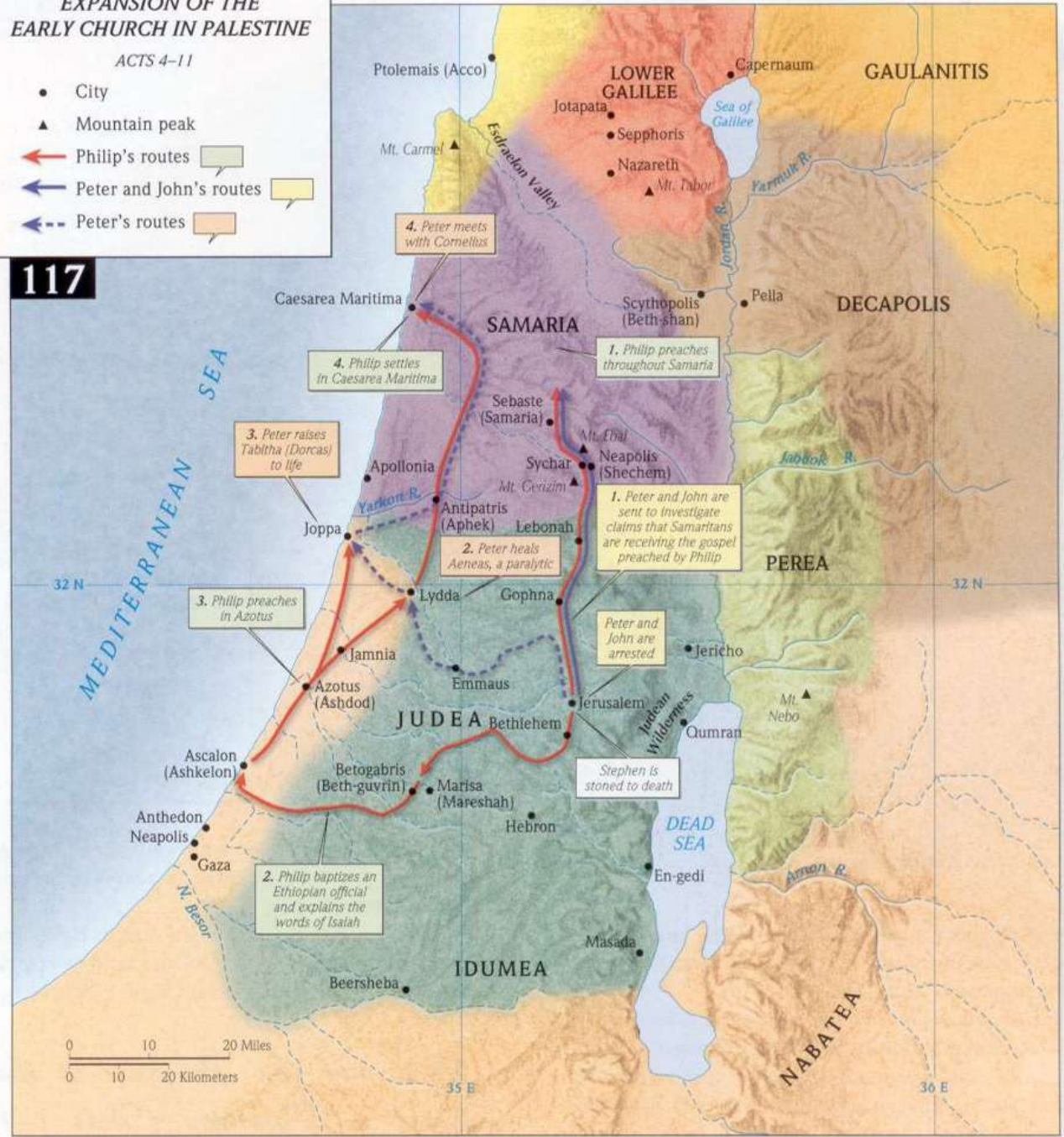
1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, 2 a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.

**EXPANSION OF THE
EARLY CHURCH IN PALESTINE**

ACTS 4-11

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Philip's routes
- ← Peter and John's routes
- ⋯ Peter's routes

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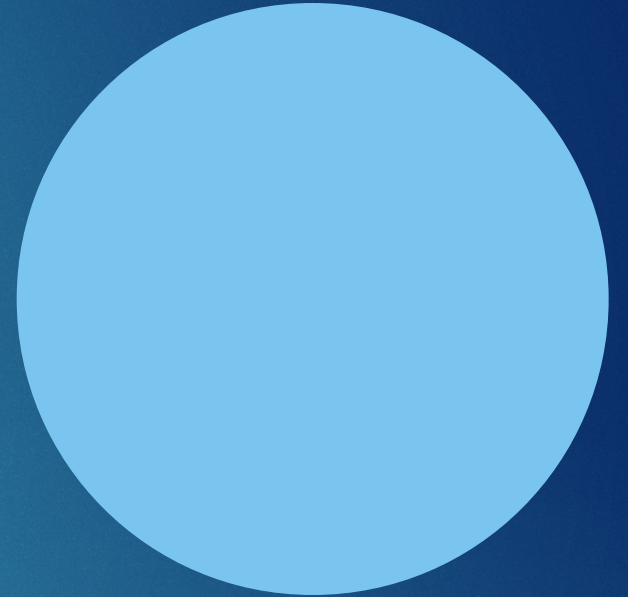
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Who was Cornelius?

- ▶ A Gentile
- ▶ A Soldier in Roman military
- ▶ He was the leader of at least 100 men.
- ▶ Notice how his character is described:
 - ▶ Devout
 - ▶ Feared God, along with his household
 - ▶ Donated generously to the needy
 - ▶ Prayed to God on a continual basis



Acts 10:3 – 4 (ESV)

3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." 4 And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

Does God hear the prayers of a sinner?

- ▶ Cornelius was not in a saved condition.
 - ▶ Acts 11:14
 - ▶ John 8:24
- ▶ God doesn't respond to the request of those who refuse to hear Him.
 - ▶ 1 Peter 3:12
 - ▶ Isaiah 59:1 – 2
- ▶ However, when someone is sincerely seeking Him He will reach to them.
 - ▶ Matthew 7:7 – 8
 - ▶ Acts 17:27

Acts 10:5 – 8 (ESV)

5 And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.” 7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, 8 and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.





Peter is sent to the household of Cornelius

ACTS 10:9 – 33

Acts 10:9 (ESV)



9 The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

Acts 10:10 – 12 (ESV)

10 And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance 11 and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air.

Acts 10:13 – 16 (ESV)

13 And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” 14 But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” 15 And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” 16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.



In our next study, we will
examine the second
half chapter 10!