

MIRACLES IV: GET OUT OF GOD'S WAY

DIGGING DEEPER OBSERVATIONS/QUESTIONS:

Peter's Vision

1. What was on the sheet in Peter's vision? (Acts 10:12)
2. According to Leviticus 11, what is the difference between clean and unclean food?
3. Were there unclean animals only on the sheet? (Acts 10:12)
4. Other than Peter's reaction in Acts 10:14, is there any reason to believe that there were only unclean animals on the sheet? If there were clean animals on the sheet, what could make Peter see them as unclean?
5. How do you think the division between clean and unclean affected social interactions between Jewish people and Gentiles? If left unchecked, how could this have impacted the sharing of the Gospel?
6. In Peter's vision, this scenario occurred three times. Every time the Voice said, "Kill and eat!" and every time Peter refused, saying that he had never eaten anything unclean. What was the response of the Voice? (Acts 10:15)
7. How do you think this may have impacted the way Peter ate and who he hang out with after this? Do you think he may have said "yes please" the next time he was offered bacon wrapped shrimp? :) (Sadly, this is not the last time Peter will have to be given this message.)
8. Is there such a thing as an unclean person? Are there people who are irredeemable?

Why or why not would the Church have seen a large influx of Gentile people join at Pentecost?

CORNELIUS: Acts 10:3-6 and 11:13 & 14

1. There is a "red herring question" often thrown out by agnostics to zealous evangelists: what happens to someone who has never heard the Gospel?

Are they cast into hell like everyone else? Is the experience of Cornelius the answer to that question?

2. What role did Cornelius' good deeds (prayer and giving alms) have in him receiving salvation?