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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.”

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.

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SERMON REFLECTIONS

- How do miracles illustrate what Jesus’ resurrection has accomplished? How does His resurrection anticipate the New Creation?
- What is so significant about Peter being invited to Cornelius’ house? What might be some modern equivalents of this significance?
- What comes to mind when you think about the word “hospitality”? Why do you think hospitality is commanded to be practiced as Christians (Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9)? How has God revealed Himself to be hospitable?
- Why is the Jew/Gentile relationship so important to Paul (Ephesians 2:11–22)? Is racial reconciliation a gospel issue? Why?