

Christ for All

Acts 10:1-48

Into the Lesson:

What is the most exotic thing you have ever eaten?
There are restaurants that provide a menu of a variety of wild and exotic meats and food.

Although for hunters this may be considered standard fare. In some households, eating foods well past their "use by" date is considered adventure eating.

Have you ever had someone tell you, "It tastes just like chicken"? Did it? (Ask me later about "Chicken Paws".)

Into the Word:

From Acts 10:1-8 what do we know about Cornelius?

From commentaries, footnotes, or previous studies, what do you know of the Roman army, Roman soldiers, and Roman centurions in particular?

This is not the first time we read about a centurion:

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-6- Mark 15:39;

Luke 23:47-

How is it possible that a commanding officer in the most feared army in the known world at that time could come to the awareness that he did?

What did it take for him to reach out to Jesus or say what he believed about him? And how is it that he (or they) is affected by the Gospel message that up to this point is considered seditious propaganda.

Although it doesn't say, what are the chances that the centurions mentioned above are the same man we read about in Acts 10?

While reading Acts 10:9-29, list the things that occurred to Peter that were completely contrary to everything he had been taught and had observed in his life.

vv.9-16-

vv.28-29-

Into Life:

How does Lane's comment, "Christianity is founded on historical events-it can be verified by history..." help increase your faith?

Does the realization that people we never thought would be interested may be more open to the Gospel than we may have previously thought motivate us to share our story more freely?

How vital is this line from Lane's sermon, "...they declare that meaning and hope and forgiveness are all wrapped up in Jesus..."

-to the person struggling in sin and not able to see a glimmer of hope-

-to the oppressed as well as the oppressor-

-to the person who seems to have it all together but is a trainwreck inside-

Without **ever** compromising our Gospel message how can begin to, like Peter, begin to look beyond what we have always thought to reach others?

Peter had failed many times...But the truth is that in Christ alone our hope is found. Jesus is the only one who can save...