

Read Acts 10:23b-33

23b The next day he went with them, accompanied by some of the brothers from Joppa. **24** They arrived in Caesarea the following day. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 As Peter entered his home, Cornelius fell at his feet and worshiped him. **26** But Peter pulled him up and said, "Stand up! I'm a human being just like you!"

27 So they talked together and went inside, where many others were assembled.

28 Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean.

29 So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me."

30 Cornelius replied, "Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me.

31 He told me, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God!

32 Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.

33 So I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you."

What happened the next day (v. 23b)? Peter left to go back to Cornelius' house along with some of his friends.

Who was waiting for Peter the next day when he got there (v. 24)? Cornelius and some of his relatives and friends.

What did Cornelius do when he first met Peter at the door (v. 25)? He fell at his feet and worshiped Peter.

How did Peter react (v. 26)? Do not worship me. I'm not God. I'm only a man just like you.

When they went inside, where lots of people were gathered, what did Peter first say to them (v. 28)? Jews like me aren't allowed to come into a Gentile home. We're not even supposed to talk to you. But God has shown me that no man is impure or unclean.

When did God show him that he should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean? That was the message to Peter when the sheet was lowered three times. It wasn't just about animals. The message was about people too. Since God made people, no one is too dirty or too bad. Everyone is special to God.

Peter then asked why they sent for him. What did Cornelius say (vv. 30-32)? (Read vv. 30-32)

How did Cornelius finish his explanation/answer to Peter (v. 33)? We're all here waiting to hear the message the Lord has given you to speak to us.