



Takeaways From Acts

Tonight's Three Words...

- Gospels
- Bridge
- Epistles (Letters)

Scripture Reading – Matthew 28:18-20

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”.

- Updated New American Standard Bible

The Book of Acts is a Bridge

The Gospels

Matthew	Mark
Luke	John

The Life of Jesus – birth, teachings, ministry, miracles, death, resurrection

“You must be born again” – John 3:5-7

Luke 24:49, John 14:26, John 16:13 → Acts 1:4-8, Mark 9:1, Acts 2, Col 1:13

The Great Commission Given – Matt 28:18-20

ACTS



Context →

The Great Commission Executed – starting Acts 2

Inspired Apostolic teachings
Conversions, establishment of the church and local congregations

Gospel spread to the remotest part of the earth – Acts 9:32, Acts 13ff

The Epistles

Romans	I & II Cor
Galatians	Ephesians
Philippians	Colossians
I & II Thess	I & II Tim
Titus	Philemon

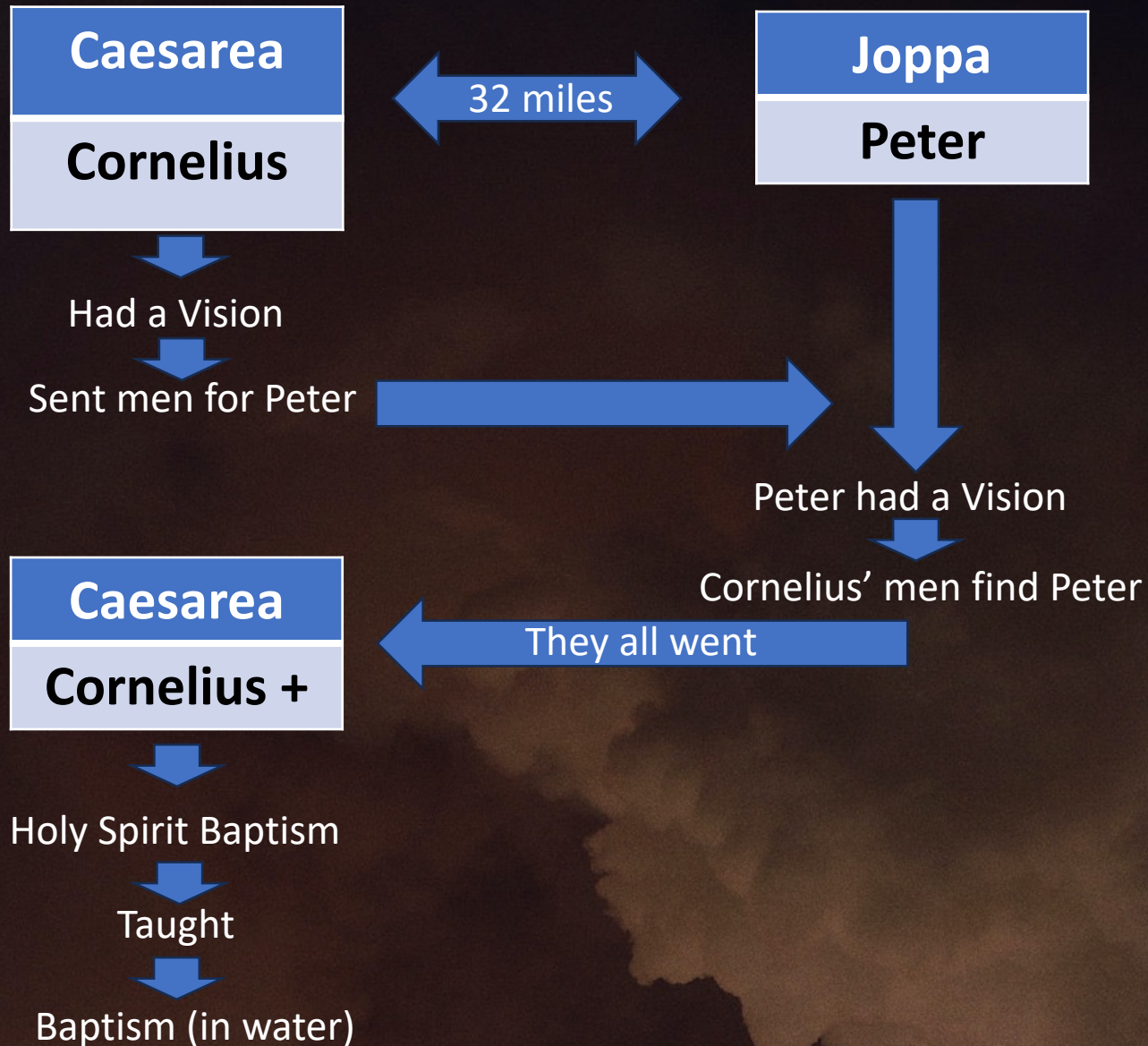
Inspired Apostolic instructions to these congregations...and us!

For our learning & instruction today - Col 4:16, I Cor 4:17.

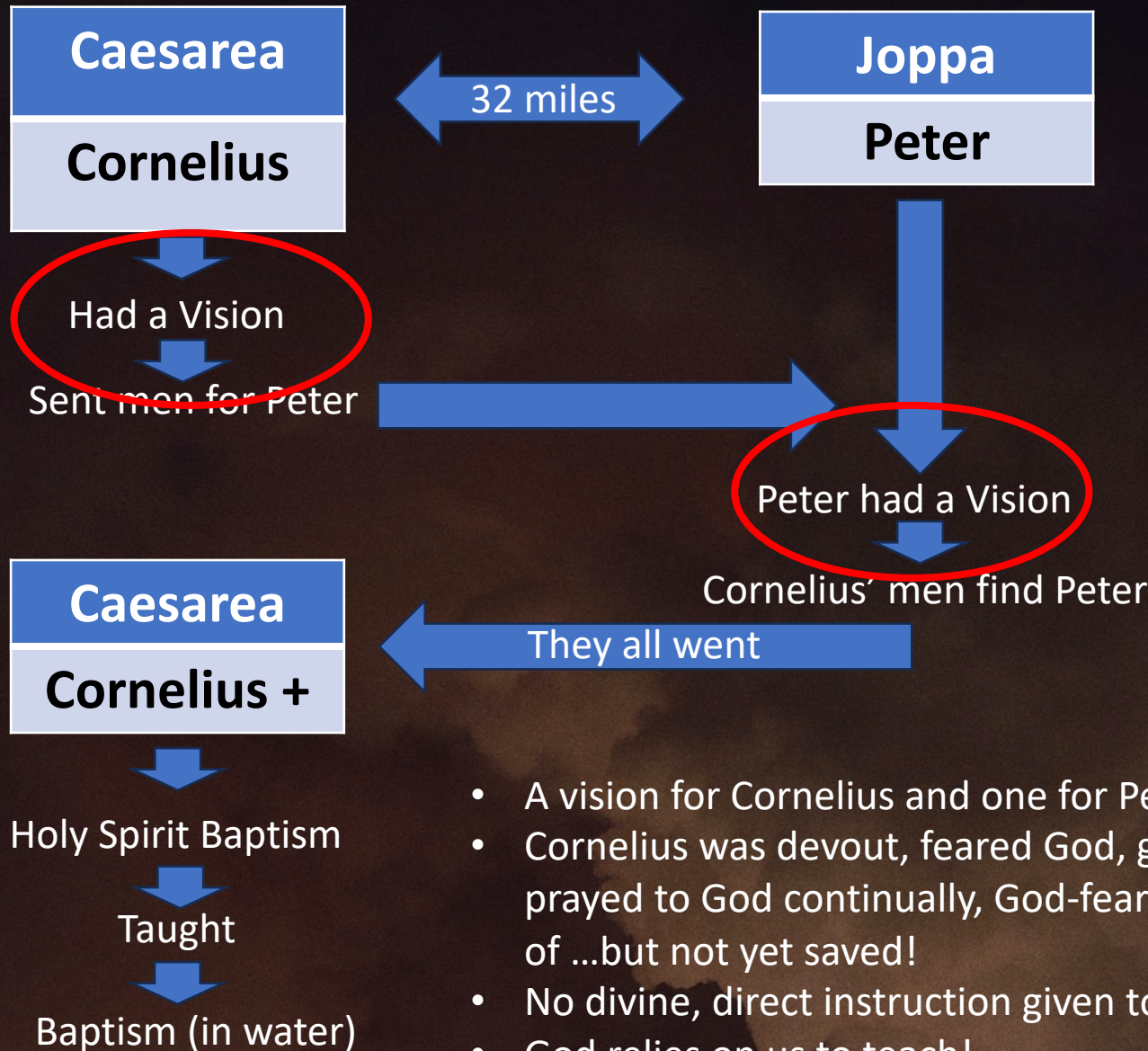
Acts - Reveals the Plan of Salvation through commands and many examples of conversions...

Matthew 28.18-19		Examples of Conversion				Mark 16.15-16
Preaching	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	Saved	
Pentecost Acts 2.14-41	Believed Acts 2.36	Repented Acts 2.37-38	Confessed Acts 2.47	Baptized Acts 2.38-41	Remission of Sins Acts 2.38-47	
Samaritans Acts 8.5-13	Believed Acts 8.12	Repented Acts 8.9-10	Confessed Acts 8.10, 12	Baptized Acts 8.12-13	Remission of Sins Acts 8.16 (2.38)	
Eunuch Acts 8.35-39	Believed Acts 8.36-37	Repented Acts 8.36	Confessed Acts 8.37	Baptized Acts 8.38	Rejoiced Acts 8.39	
Saul Acts 9.17-18	Believed Acts 22.10	Repented Acts 9.9	Confessed Rom 10.9-10	Baptized Acts 9.18	Sins Washed Away Acts 22.16	
Cornelius Acts 10.34-48	Believed Acts 10.43	Repented Acts 11.18	Confessed Acts 10.46	Baptized Acts 10.48	Remission of Sins Acts 10.43, 48	
Lydia Acts 16.13-15	Believed Acts 16.14			Baptized Acts 16.15	Faithful Acts 16.15	
The Jailer Acts 16.30-34	Believed Acts 16.31, 34	Repented Acts 16.33		Baptized Acts 16.33	Rejoiced Acts 16.34	
Corinthians Acts 18.1-8	Believed Acts 18.8	Repented 1 Cor. 6.9-11		Baptized Acts 18.8	Sanctified 1 Cor. 6.11	
Ephesians Acts 19.1-7ff	Believed Ep. 1.13; Ac. 19.5,18	Repented Acts 19.18; 20.21		Baptized Acts 19.5 (2.38)	Saved Eph. 2.8-9	
Preaching Romans 10.14	+ Faith John 8.24	+ Repentance Luke 13.3	+ Confession Romans 10.9-10	+ Baptism Galatians 3.26-27	= Salvation 2 Timothy 2.10	

Acts – Multiple Takeaways from 10, 11, 15

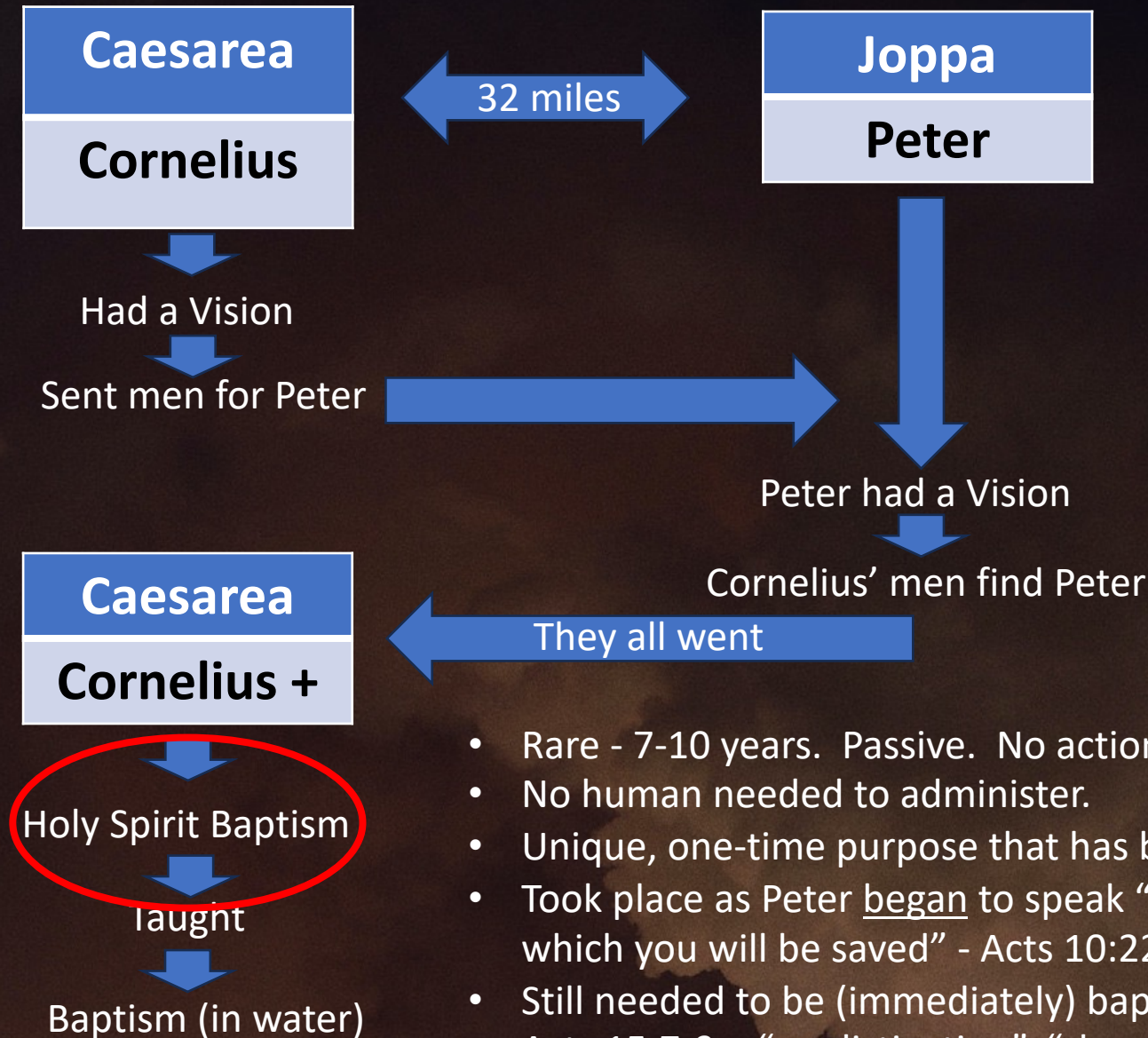


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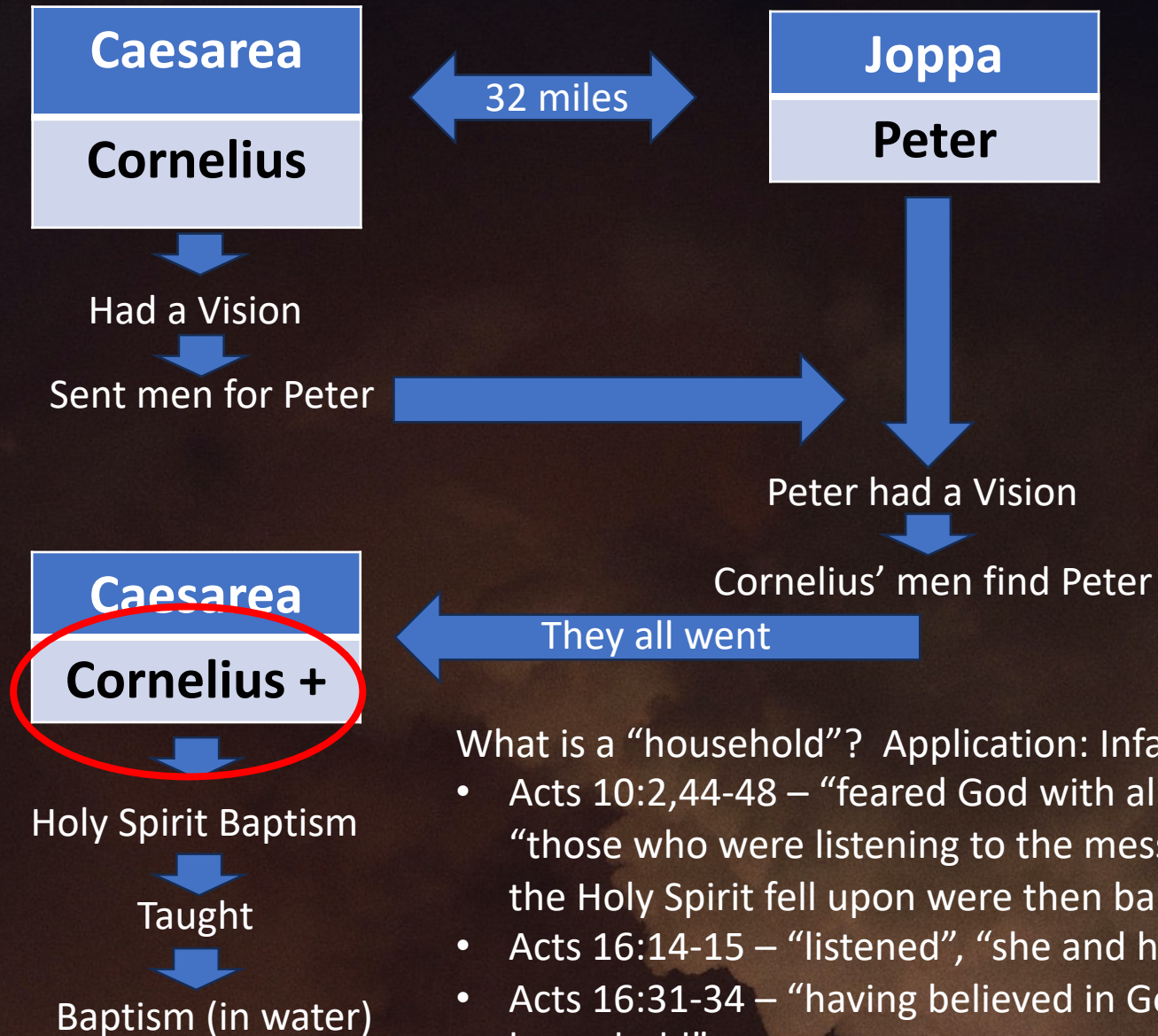
- A vision for Cornelius and one for Peter.
- Cornelius was devout, feared God, gave many alms, prayed to God continually, God-fearing, well-spoken of ...but not yet saved!
- No divine, direct instruction given to the lost.
- God relies on us to teach!

Acts – Multiple Takeaways from 10, 11, 15



- Rare - 7-10 years. Passive. No action taken to receive.
- No human needed to administer.
- Unique, one-time purpose that has been fulfilled.
- Took place as Peter began to speak “the words by which you will be saved” - Acts 10:22, 10:44, 11:14-15.
- Still needed to be (immediately) baptized in water.
- Acts 15:7-9 – “no distinction”, “cleansed their hearts”

Acts – Multiple Takeaways from 10, 11, 15



- What is a “household”? Application: Infant Baptism
- Acts 10:2,44-48 – “feared God with all his household”; “those who were listening to the message”; those who the Holy Spirit fell upon were then baptized in water.
 - Acts 16:14-15 – “listened”, “she and her household”.
 - Acts 16:31-34 – “having believed in God with his whole household”.

Acts - What "Preaching Jesus" Actually Means

- Described as...

- "Speaking the Words by which they would be saved" – Acts 11:14
- "Spoke to them the Word of the Lord" – Acts 16:32
- "Preaching the Word" – Acts 8:4
- "Proclaiming Christ" – Acts 8:5
- "Preaching the good news" – Acts 8:12
- "Preached Jesus" – Acts 8:35

Conclusion...

- All of the above included the instruction / command to be baptized.
- Proof: necessary inference - that is what the listeners, by faith, immediately did. Faith plus obedience.

What Water Baptism Looks Like

- Described as...
 - “For the remission of sins” – Acts 2:38
 - “To wash away” our sins – Acts 22:16
 - An immersion – Acts 8:38-39
 - They both went “down into the water”, he baptized him, and then they both “came up out of the water”.
 - Not sprinkling or pouring
 - For penitent believers
 - Not for infants – not yet believers, no command or example.
 - “Household” – members still must meet the “believer” criteria
 - Immediate / urgent – Acts 2:41, 16:33, 22:16

What Speaking in Tongues Looks Like...

- Acts 2:4-13
- Inspired people being able to speak in known languages that they are not native to
- Purpose - so the audience can hear and understand in their native known language.
 - Removed the language barrier.
- The miracle was on the part of the ones speaking, not the ones listening.

What “Calling on the Name of the Lord” Looks Like

- Joel 2:32 – “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”.
- Not: “Hey God, save me”, nor reciting a “Sinner’s Prayer”.
- Quoted in Acts 2:21, explained in V36-47 when people obeyed the gospel. Also quoted in Rom 10:12-13.
- Acts 22:16 – “...Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name”.
- Acts 2:38 – “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins”.
- “Calling on the name of the Lord” is an appeal to God for salvation.
- The Plan of Salvation IS “calling on the name of the Lord”.
- Faith and baptism are core to “calling on His name”.
- 1 Peter 3:21 – “Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

Acts: Teach Those With An Incomplete / Erroneous Understanding of the Gospel

- Priscilla and Aquilla – Acts 18:24-28
- Apollos – mighty in scriptures, up to a point
- Took him aside privately
- Explained the word of God to him more accurately.
- Our Takeaway: Be a Priscilla or Aquilla

Acts Takeaways - Conclusion

- Unique and irreplaceable
- A bridge between the 4 gospel accounts and the epistles
- Tells us about...
 - the apostles – how they became inspired
 - the Great Commission – being carried out
 - conversions – many examples of people going from “lost to saved”.
 - the church - formation and functions
 - the congregations that the Epistles were written to.
 - ourselves - who we are, our roots as Christians, our history
- Without it, we would be in the dark on many spiritual and doctrinal matters.