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The Unlikely Church That Changed The World

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Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God.

Acts 11:1 (NLT)

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But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him.

Acts 11:2 (NLT)

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**“You entered the home of
Gentiles and even ate with them!”
they said.**

Acts 11:3 (NLT)

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Then Peter told them exactly what
had happened.

Acts 11:4 (NLT)

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“As I began to speak,” Peter continued, “the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning.

Acts 11:15 (NLT)

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Then I thought of the Lord's words
when he said, 'John baptized
with water, but you will be baptized
with the Holy Spirit.'

Acts 11:16 (NLT)

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And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"

Acts 11:17 (NLT)

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When the others heard this, they
stopped objecting and began
praising God. They said,

Acts 11:18a (NLT)

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“We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life.”

Acts 11:18b (NLT)

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persecution after Stephen's death

Acts 11:19a (NLT)

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Acts 11:19b (NLT)

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However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus.

Acts 11:20 (NLT)

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The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:21 (NLT)

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When the church at Jerusalem heard
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Barnabas to Antioch.

Acts 11:22 (NLT)

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When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.

Acts 11:23 (NLT)

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Acts 11:24 (NLT)

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Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul.

Acts 11:25 (NLT)

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When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year,

Acts 11:26a (NLT)

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Teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)

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Acts 8:1a (NLT)

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Sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria.

Acts 8:1b (NLT)

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(Some devout men came and buried
Stephen with great mourning.)

Acts 8:2 (NLT)

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But Saul was going everywhere to
destroy the church. He went from
house to house,

Acts 8:3a (NLT)

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Dragging out both men and women
to throw them into prison.

Acts 8:3b (NLT)

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But the believers who were
scattered preached the Good News
about Jesus wherever they went.

Acts 8:4 (NLT)

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The Blessing

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During this time some prophets
traveled from Jerusalem to Antioch.

Acts 11:27 (NLT)

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One of them named Agabus stood
up in one of the meetings and
predicted by the Spirit

Acts 11:28a (NLT)

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That a great famine was coming upon the entire Roman world. (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.)

Acts 11:28b (NLT)

So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could.

Acts 11:29 (NLT)

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This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.

Acts 11:30 (NLT)

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