

They Saw Him Alive

Peter: The Leader Of The Pack Acts. 10.34-45

What happened to Peter that convinced him to take leadership in sharing the gospel of Jesus?

The Impact of Seeing Jesus On Peter

Peter entering the home of Cornelius changed the future of Christianity

34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality, **35** but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

36 The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all) — **37** you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea,

starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed.

38 *You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

39 We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.

40 God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible,

41 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Jesus appearing to Peter positioned Peter to impact and influence both Jews and Gentiles in the spreading of the Gospel.

42 And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

43 Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Going aggressively into the Gentile culture began at this time

Jesus teaching Peter prepared Peter for service and leadership. But it is Jesus appearing to Peter that convinced him.

The Impact of Seeing Jesus On Us

If you are not a follower of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus should convince you to FOLLOW Jesus.

If you are a follower of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus should convince you to SHARE Jesus.

What has the resurrection of Jesus convinced you to do?