

We Are Witnesses!

Acts 10:34-43

Acts 10:34-43 ³⁴ Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. ³⁵ Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. ³⁸ You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, ⁴¹ not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (CEB)

John 20:9 They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. (CEB)

1. To Really Understand Easter, You Have to _____ in Your Learning.

Acts 10:34 Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another." (CEB)

Acts 10:36 Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all!

Acts 11:1-3 The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. ² When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. ³ They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!" (CEB)

Acts 10:37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in **Galilee** after the baptism John preached. (CEB)

Acts 10:38 ...Jesus traveled around doing good and healing **everyone** oppressed by the devil because God was with him. (CEB)

2. Those who Killed Jesus, did so to maintain _____ and Division.

Acts 10:39 We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, (CEB)

3. Easter Puts into Place a _____, to Produce Peace.

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Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead. (NIV)

Ephesians 2:15-18 ^{15b} His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. (NIV)

Matthew 5:9 Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children. (CEB)

Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that I have sinned against You in many ways, and I have hurt others willfully, negligently and in ignorance. I believe You died on the cross for my sins. I want You to come into my life and be my Savior. Forgive me of all my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. Come into my life and be my Lord. Help me become the Spirit-led believer and peace maker You want me to be. Amen."