

Acts 10: Same Port as Jonah

Acts 10:5-23 (with Jonah 1:1-3) • For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

Read Acts 10 and notice where Peter is when God speaks: Joppa, at a house “by the sea.” Every Jewish reader knew that town. Jonah 1:3 says Jonah “went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.” That’s where a prophet ran from God’s call to the Gentiles. Now the man Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah stands in the same port and gets the same kind of call. He argues too: “By no means, Lord.” But when the Gentile messengers knock, the Spirit says, “Accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” And Peter goes. Jonah ends with a question God leaves hanging. In Acts 11:18 the church answers it: **“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”** Jonah got on a boat. Peter walked up the road to Caesarea. So here’s the question: **when God’s mercy heads toward people you’d rather it skipped, which way are you walking?**

GO DEEPER, STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Jonah 1:1-3**, then **Jonah 4:1-2** and **4:11**. Then read **Acts 10:9-23** and **Acts 11:18**. Ask who got on the ship, who walked up the road to Caesarea, and how the church answered the question God left hanging at the end of Jonah.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in Acts: **Acts 9:43** (Peter stays “many days” in Joppa with Simon the tanner) • **Acts 10:20** (“accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them”) • **Acts 11:2-3, 18** (the church objects, then “they glorified God”)

Luke’s Gospel: **Luke 11:29-32** (“the sign of Jonah”; the men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment) • **Luke 4:25-27** (Jesus names two Gentiles God blessed, and the synagogue is enraged) • **Luke 24:47** (repentance and forgiveness proclaimed “to all nations”)

Rest of Scripture: **Jonah 1:3** (Jonah “went down to Joppa” and ran) • **Jonah 4:1-2, 11** (angry at mercy; God’s closing question) • **Matthew 16:17** (“Simon Bar-Jonah”)

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

Jonah’s Anger

Ligonier Ministries • Tabletalk devotional (2013)

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/jonahs-anger-2>

Short devotional on Jonah 4: a prophet angry that God showed mercy to Israel’s enemies.

What God Has Cleansed Do Not Call Common

John Piper • Desiring God (sermon, 1991)

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/what-god-has-cleansed-do-not-call-common>

Sermon on Acts 10:1-11:18: Peter’s vision, Cornelius, and God preparing people in every nation.