

# Acts 10:34 thru 43

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<sup>34</sup>Peter said, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. <sup>35</sup>Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! <sup>37</sup>You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say it: “God’s faithful love lasts forever!”**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord was my strength and protection; he was my saving help!

**<sup>15</sup>The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous:**

“The Lord’s strong hand is victorious!

**<sup>16</sup>The Lord’s strong hand is ready to strike!  
The Lord’s strong hand is victorious!”**

<sup>17</sup>I won’t die - no, I will live and declare what the Lord has done.

**<sup>18</sup>Yes, the Lord definitely disciplined me, but he didn’t hand me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

**<sup>20</sup>This is the Lord’s gate; those who are righteous enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.

**<sup>22</sup>The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!**

<sup>23</sup>This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!

**<sup>24</sup>This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

## John 20:1 thru 18

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<sup>1</sup>Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.” <sup>3</sup>Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. <sup>4</sup>They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. <sup>5</sup>Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in.

<sup>6</sup>Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. <sup>7</sup>He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus’ head. It wasn’t with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>They didn’t yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. <sup>11</sup>Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>She saw two angels dressed in white, seated

where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. <sup>13</sup>The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” <sup>14</sup>As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.