

# Acts 10:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?** Peter's immediate, direct response demonstrates readiness to embrace God's revealed will, transitioning from vision's perplexity to obedient action.

## Historical Context

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This encounter around 40 CE marked Christianity's watershed moment—apostolic recognition of Gentile inclusion without requiring Jewish conversion. Cornelius, Roman centurion, represented Gentile God-fearers attracted to Judaism but excluded from full participation. Peter's willingness to engage these Gentile messengers showed immediate application of rooftop vision's lesson.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does immediate obedience to divine revelation demonstrate genuine submission to God's will?
2. What role does direct communication play in clarifying God's purposes?
3. In what ways did Peter's vision prepare him for this encounter?
4. How should believers respond when God's direction challenges cultural or religious traditions?
5. What does Peter's openness teach about flexibility when God reveals new understanding?

## Interlinear Text

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καταβὰς δὲ Πέτρος πρὸς ἡ ἄνδρας ἡ  
**went down** **Then** **Peter** **to** **which** **the men** **which**  
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ἀπεσταλμενοῦς ἀπὸ ἡ Κορινηλίου πρὸς αὐτὸν, εἶπεν  
**were sent** **from** **which** **Cornelius** **to** **him** **and said**  
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Ἰδού, ἔγώ εἰμι ἦν ζητεῖτε· τίς ἡ αἰτία  
**Behold** **I** **am** **he whom** **ye seek** **what** **which** **is the cause**  
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δι' ἦν πάρεστε  
**wherefore** **he whom** **ye are come**  
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