

Acts 10:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Historical Context

The detailed address (Simon tanner, by sea side) enabled messengers to locate Peter in Joppa's busy port. God could have revealed gospel directly through angel, but chose human proclamation as ordained means. This establishes pattern—angels direct, humans proclaim gospel. The seaside location placed Peter where Cornelius's messengers could easily find him. God's providence in details, orchestrated around 40 CE, facilitated Christianity's revolutionary Gentile inclusion.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Why does God use human messengers rather than angels to proclaim gospel?
2. What role do specific details play in confirming divine guidance?
3. In what ways does God's providence work through natural circumstances and locations?
4. How should believers recognize God's orchestration in seemingly coincidental details?
5. What does appointed human instrumentality teach about means of grace?

Interlinear Text

πέμπουν	οὖν	εἰς	Ἰόππην	καὶ	μετακάλεσαι	Σίμωνος
Send	therefore	to	Joppa	and	call hither	Simon
G3992	G3767	G1519	G2445	G2532	G3333	G4613
ὃς	ἐπικαλεῖται	Πέτρος	οὗτος	ξενίζεται	ἐν	οἰκίᾳ
who	surname is	Peter	he	is lodged	in	the house
G3739	G1941	G4074	G3778	G3579	G1722	G3614
Σίμωνος	βυρσέως	παρὰ	θάλασσαν	ὃς	παραγενόμενος	
Simon	a tanner	by	the sea side	who	when he cometh	
G4613	G1038	G3844	G2281	G3739	G3854	
λαλήσει	σοι					
shall speak	unto thee					
G2980	G4671					