³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all),

³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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³⁹And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.

⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One appointed by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

—Acts 10:34-43 ESV

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"Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed."

—John Stott

"The Gospels do not explain the Resurrection; the Resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the Resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith." —John S. Whale

"Christianity begins where religion ends... with the resurrection!"

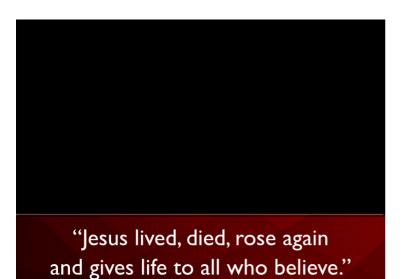
—Ken Whitten

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In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.—Acts 1:1-3 ESV

Acts 2:22-24 | Acts 3:15, 26 Acts 4:10, 33 | Acts 5:30

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A Tale of Two Cities

Caesarea
Cornelius
Respectable
Gentile Soldier
Rome
"God-Fearer"

Joppa
Peter
Zealous
Jewish Apostle
Jerusalem
"Christ-Follower"

"The emphasis is that Cornelius' gentile nationality is acceptable so that he has no need to become a Jew but not that his own righteousness was significant so that he did not need to become a Christian." —John Stott

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Jesus is the Peace-Maker

pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

-Colossians 1:19-20 ESV

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Romans 5:1 ESV

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Jesus is the Peace-Keeper

I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart;
I have overcome the world.
—lohn 16:33 ESV

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:7 ESV

Acts 10:38

You Can Know and Experience Power in This Life Through Jesus' Name

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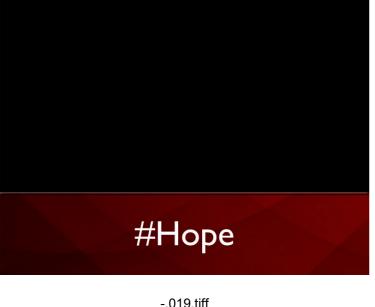
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

—John 10:10 ESV

Acts 10:38

You Can Know and Experience the Presence of Christ With You Today

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Acts 10:42-43

You Can Know and Experience Pardon
Through the Finished Work of Christ

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To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. —Acts 10:43 ESV

"My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line.

What I was comparing this universe to and calling it unjust?

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Of course I could have given up my idea of justice by saying it was nothing but a private idea of my own. But if I did that, then my argument against God collapsed too—for the argument depended on saying that the world was really unjust... Thus in the very act of trying to prove that God did not exist—that the whole of reality was senseless—

I found I was forced to assume one part of reality—namely my idea of justice—was full of sense.

Consequently atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has not meaning, we should never have found out it has meaning...

—C.S. Lewis

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For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

—I Peter 3:18 ESV

But, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.
—I Corinthians 15:20a ESV

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