

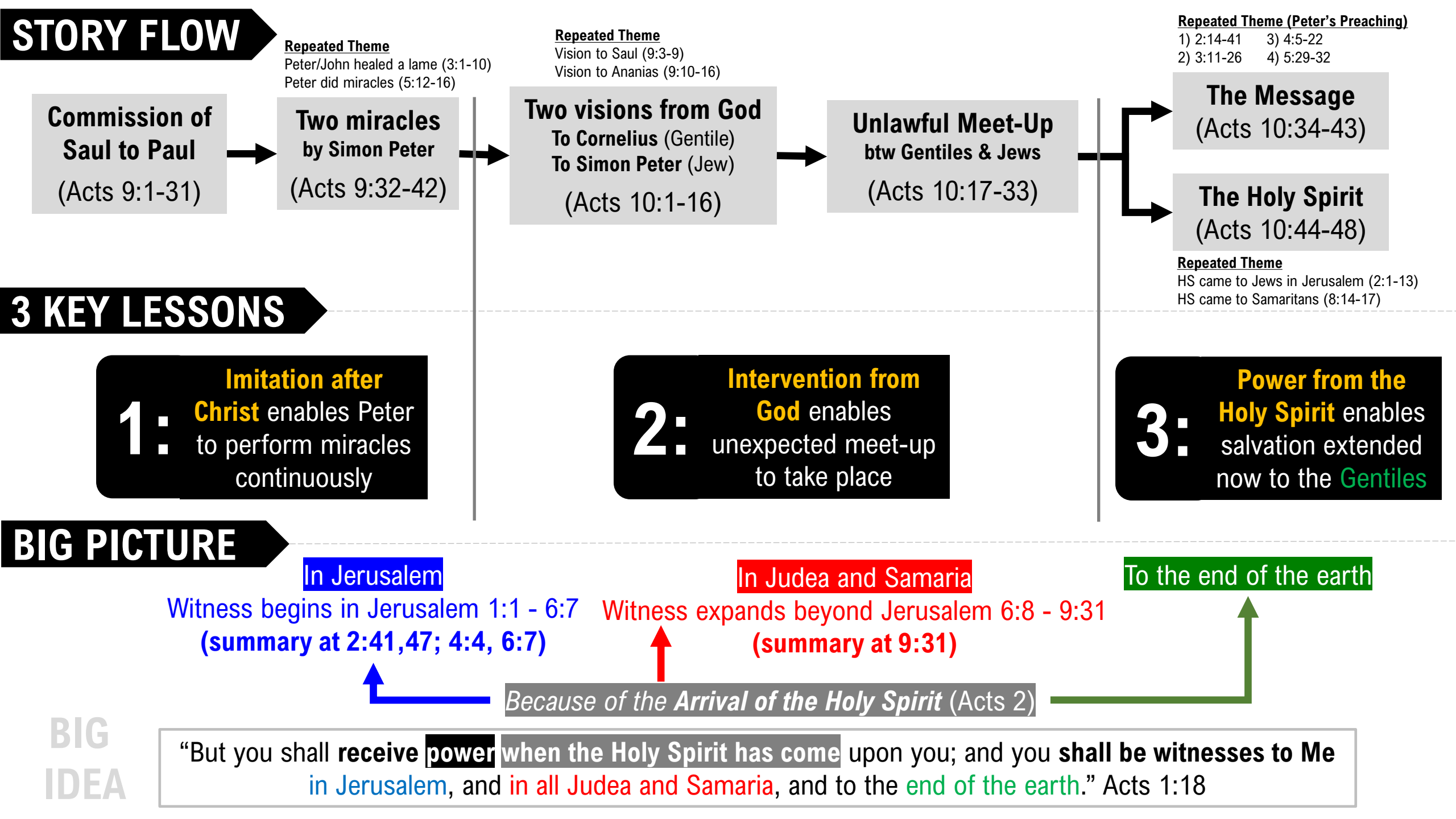
THE LAUNCH

*“you shall be witnesses to Me and to the **end of the earth**”*

Group Teaching | Younger Men | 28 March 2023

Acts 9:32 to 10:48 (ESV)

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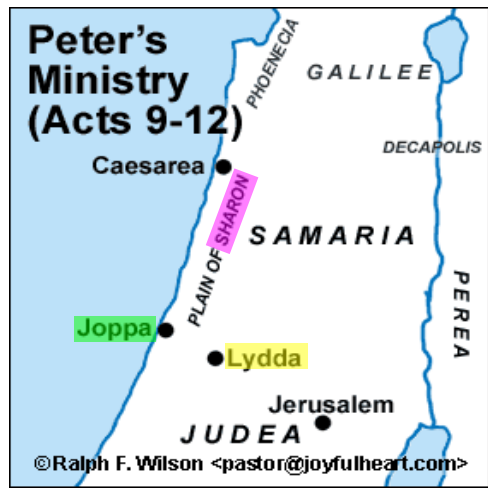
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	Aeneas	Tabitha aka Dorcas
Reference	Acts 9:32-35	Acts 9:36-42
Situation	Male Bedridden 8yrs & paralyzed	A female disciple full of good works & charitable deeds became sick and died
Location	Lydda	Joppa
Power seen in Peter	<i>"Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed."</i>	Peter knelt down & prayed in solitude <i>"Tabitha, Arise."</i>
What happened	Aeneas rose immediately	Tabitha opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.
Any witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All who dwelt at LyddaAll who dwelt at Sharon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Peter presented Tabitha alive in front of the saints and widowsSimon, a tanner (who transforms animal skins / hides into leather)
	They saw & turned to the Lord v35	Many (thru"out Joppa) believed in the Lord v42

Sharon is located east of the Jordan River in an area given to the tribe of Gad (1Chronicles 5:16)

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	Background	Peter's POV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upbringing understanding: no association with "common" & "unclean" animals God's POV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have already cleansed them Thus, now no longer "common/unclean" <p>https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/acts-10-28.html</p> Why Jews must not have any association with Gentiles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forbidden by the law of Moses (Deut 7:2-3) Forbidden by the traditions from elders It's a criminal offense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> covenants / marriage with Gentiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eat / drink in their houses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> walking on the streets with Gentiles 	<p>He went up on the housetop to pray</p> <p>He was very hungry & wanted to eat</p> <p>He fell into a trance</p>
	Time		6 th hour of the day at Joppa (12pm)
	Delivery of Vision		<p>He saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.</p> <p>In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.</p> <p>A voice came to Peter: <i>"Rise, Peter; kill and eat."</i></p> <p>Peter said, <i>"Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."</i></p> <p>A voice to Peter: <i>"What God has cleansed you must not call common."</i> x3</p> <p>And the object was taken up into heaven again.</p> <p>While Peter was inwardly perplexed / pondering on it, the Spirit directed him to meet the 3pax.</p>

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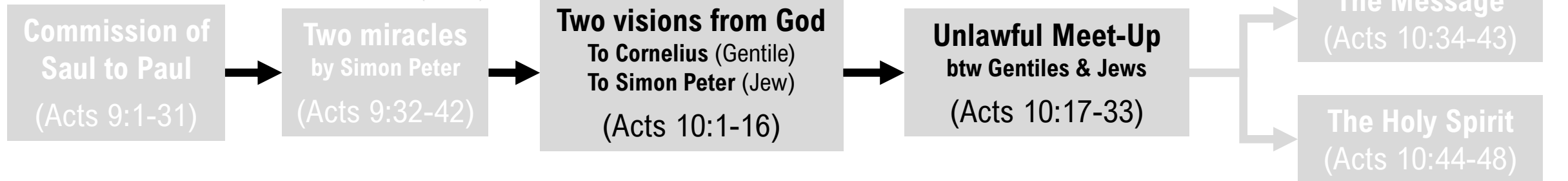
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HOW TWO VISIONS COMPLIMENT EACH OTHER

1. Cornelius's 3pax men **arrived at Joppa** (Simon's house – tanner)
2. **They explained** the divine instruction for Cornelius to find Peter
3. Peter **invited them to stayover** for one night
4. Peter (with some brothers from Joppa) **start travelling to Caesarea** together with Cornelius's men
5. Cornelius, relatives and close friends are **waiting for Peter's arrival**
6. Cornelius **fell down** at his feet and **worshipped** Peter
7. Peter **said to all** in Cornelius' house:



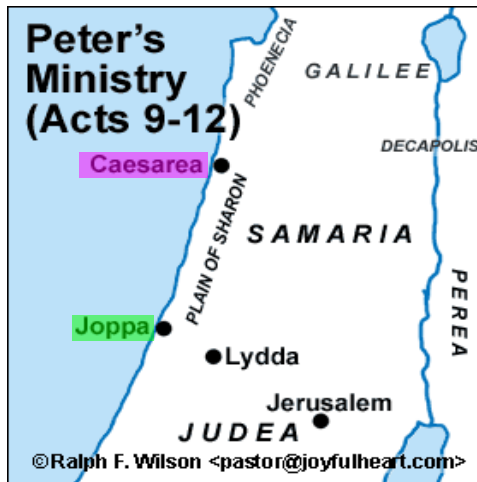
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AGAINST ALL THESE ODDS, PETER STILL OBEYED GOD'S INSTRUCTION:

- Against historical upbringing, Jewish law, social norms
- No association btw Jews & Gentiles
- Do not know each other beforehand
- Timing of visions
- All four visions (Anaias, Saul, Cornelius, Saul) pointing to one direction
- Peter as the legit person (to augurate the way for Paul)
- Despite human limitation
 - Peter: I don't know how to make sense*
 - Cornelius: I expect you to tell us something*
- Peter was mindful to bring joppa brothers as witnesses so that he can explain back to the Jewish ldrs that it's legit now to see salvation extended to Gentiles

"Now therefore, we are all present b4 God, to hear all the things commanded you by God."

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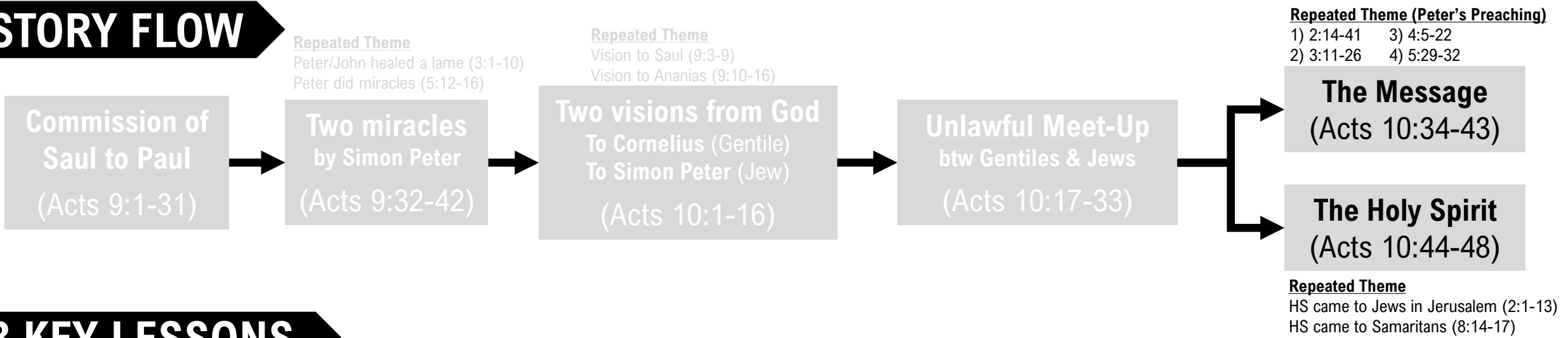
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slowly **10:34-48**.

34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said:
"In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and
works righteousness is accepted by Him.

36 The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel,
preaching peace through Jesus Christ
--- He is Lord of all ---

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Take time to read slowly **10:34-48.**

37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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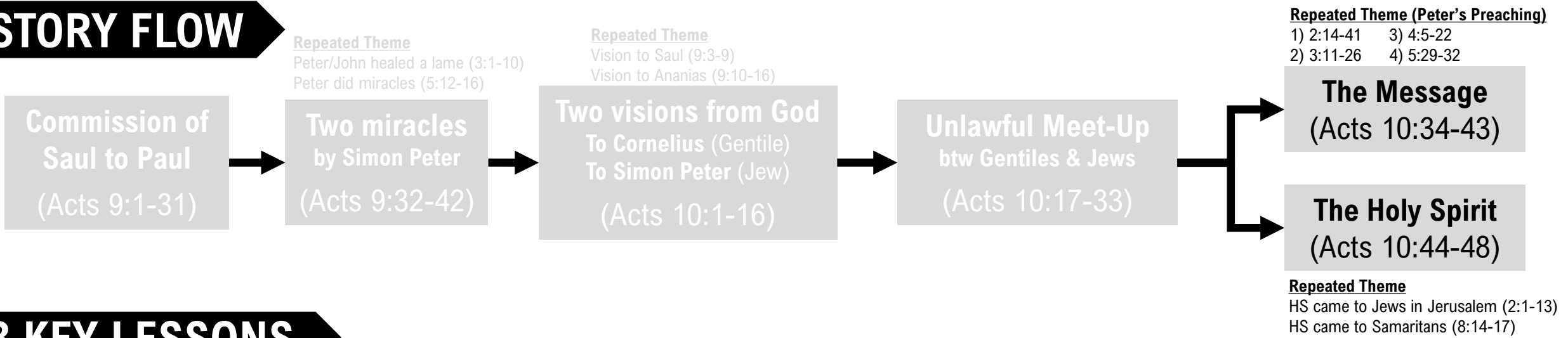
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³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

⁴⁰ Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,

⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

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- 42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead.
- 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

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- 44 While Peter was still speaking these words,
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- 45 And those of the circumcision who believed
were astonished, as many as came with Peter,
because the gift of the Holy Spirit
had been poured out on the Gentiles also.
- 46 For they heard them speak with tongues
and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

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47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?"

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

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Gospel of
Jesus

- God does not show bias favouritism to any
- He is fair towards all who fears and lives rightly before Him
- He grants us **Peace** through Jesus who is our **Lord** of all
- Proclamation of Jesus had taken place from Jerusalem to other regions
- God has given Jesus the Holy Spirit & Power to perform miraculous works
- For God is with Jesus

V39-43

God's PP
as witnesses

- We witnessed **His death** on the cross & **His resurrection** after 3 days
- Jesus appeared before us and was among us
- He commanded us to **preach** and **testify** that He is the Judge
- Salvation is only through **believing** in Him to receive **forgiveness** of sins

V39-48

God's PP
now extended

- **Holy Spirit fell upon the Gentiles** who heard from Simon Peter
- **Brothers (from Joppa) who came with Peter** were astonished as witnesses
- The Gentiles speak with tongues and **magnify** God
- Peter commanded these saved Gentiles **to be baptized** in the Jesus' Name

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e.g. Scott's late wife – brother from Msia

THANK YOU JESUS FOR THE BLOOD

Charity Gayle

Jesus'
Resurrection

#1 I was a wretch
I remember who I was
I was lost, I was blind
I was running out of time

Our Condition
Before God

Sin separated
The breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm
You held me in Your sight

So You made a way
Across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne
To build it here inside

And there at the cross
You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains, freed my soul
For the first time I had **HOPE**

Jesus'
Death

#2 You took my place
Laid inside my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again

And now death has no sting
And life has no end
For I have been transformed
By the blood of the Lamb

Bridge

*There is nothing stronger
Than the wonder working
power of the blood, the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood*

Our New
Identity
in Him

Our
Response
THANKFUL

Thank You Jesus
for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus,
it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus,
You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness
into glorious Light

Our
Response
GLORY2GOD

Closure
Glory to His Name
There to **my heart**
was the blood applied

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this **they were cut to the heart...**