

## That The World May Know – The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah - Session 10: Total Commitment

### Caesarea – Where Gentiles First Received God's Spirit

1. Who was Cornelius? Where did he live?  
What do we know about his lifestyle?  
Acts 10:1 – 2
2. Which unusual spiritual events happened to  
Cornelius and to Peter?  
Act 10:3 – 16
3. After Cornelius's messengers found Peter,  
what unusual thing did Peter do?  
Acts 10:23 – 33
4. What happened as Peter shared the  
message of Jesus Christ with the Gentiles in  
Caesarea? What was the response of the  
Jews who were with Peter?  
Acts 10:44 – 48

### The Herods A Legacy of Rejection

1. How did Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod  
the Great who built Caesarea, respond to  
the message of Jesus being spread  
throughout his realm?  
Acts 12:1 – 4
2. How did God thwart Herod Agrippa's plan?  
Acts 12:5 – 19
3. How would you describe Herod Agrippa's  
relationship to God?  
Acts 12:21 – 24  
  
What was the result of Agrippa's attitude?
4. What had Herod the Great done that no  
doubt influenced his grandson?  
Matthew 2:13 – 16
5. What does this example of Herod  
emphasize concerning the legacy each of us  
will leave and the way in which the values of  
parents and grandparents can influence  
their children?

### Jesus Testimony to a Culture Shaper

1. Who was Pontius Pilate?  
Matthew 27:11
2. What do the questions Pontius Pilate asked  
of Jesus Christ reveal about Pilate?  
Matthew 27:11  
Matthew 27:13  
Matthew 27:17  
Matthew 27:19 – 21  
John 18:33 – 38
3. What do Jesus Christ's answers to Pontius  
Pilate reveal about His desire to tailor His  
message to fit Pilate's pagan worldview?  
John 18:33 – 37
4. To who are Jesus Christ's followers called to  
be witnesses?  
Matthew 28:19 – 20  
Acts 1:7 – 8  
Luke 21:10 – 19

## Caesarea – Launching Point for Spreading the News of Jesus Christ

Herod built a seaport and cosmopolitan city that would play a vital role in spreading the news of Jesus Christ throughout the Gentile world, even though Herod built them solely to bolster his ego and glorify himself.

1. Where did Philip share Jesus Christ's message?  
Acts 8:40  
Acts 21:7 – 9
2. Where did the Gospel of Jesus Christ first reach the Gentiles?  
Acts 10:1  
Acts 10:24 – 33  
Acts 10:44 – 48
3. What role did Caesarea play in each of Paul's missionary journeys?  
Acts 9  
Acts 15 - 18  
Acts 18- 21  
Acts 27 – 28
4. There was a plot against Paul's life. What city was Paul sent to where he was able to share Jesus Christ with two Roman governors and Herod Agrippa II?  
Acts 23:23 – 27  
Acts 25:1 – 6  
Acts 25:23

## References

Matthew 2  
Matthew 27  
Matthew 28  
Mark 6  
Luke 2  
Luke 21  
John 18  
Acts 1  
Acts 8  
Acts 9  
Acts 10  
Acts 12  
Acts 15  
Acts 16  
Acts 17  
Acts 18  
Acts 19  
Acts 20  
Acts 21  
Acts 23  
Acts 24  
Acts 25  
Acts 26  
Acts 27  
Acts 28

## Taking Action

Caesarea stood at the crossroads of culture, near the ancient trade route called the Via Maris. There, the first Christians shared the message of Jesus with powerful people who shaped their culture. Those first Christians were like standing stones. God placed them on the crossroads of the world so that their lives could point people toward God. In that pagan city, the Christians spoke and acted boldly, even though they were sometimes ridiculed and persecuted. As a result, many people around the world—including modern-day non-Jewish Christians—came to know Israel's God and His Messiah.

Now it is your turn. You live at a crossroads. The world is watching you. You must make a choice. Will you succumb to the self-indulgent and self-glorifying culture of our day? Will you allow your culture to woo you away from God and encourage you to seek pleasure apart from God? Or will you act as a standing stone, boldly proclaiming God's message? Will you live out your commitment to Him to a watching world?

**Where do you stand? What is your choice?**

