

# READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT (FIRST READING IN THE EASTER SEASON)

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Reading

Acts 10:34–43

*God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

‘The truth I have now come to realise,’ he said,  
‘is that God does not have favourites,  
but that anybody of any nationality who fears God  
and does what is right is acceptable to him.

‘It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel,  
and it was to them that the good news of peace  
was brought by Jesus Christ—but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men.  
You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea;  
about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee,  
after John had been preaching baptism.

God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power,  
and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good  
and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did  
throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself:  
and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree,  
yet three days afterwards God raised him to life  
and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people  
but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses  
—we have eaten and drunk with him  
after his resurrection from the dead—  
and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people

and to tell them that God has appointed him  
to judge everyone alive or dead.

It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness:  
that all who believe in Jesus  
will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The word of the Lord.