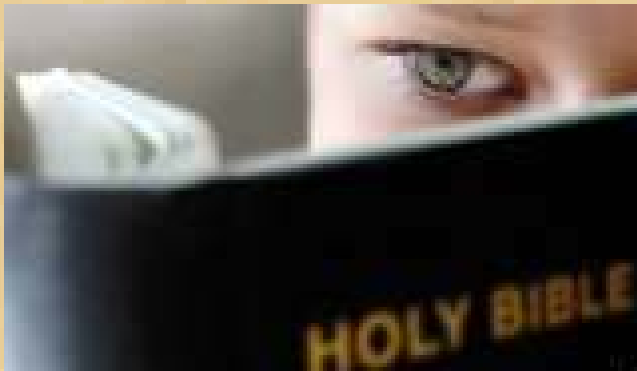


Conversion of A Honest Man

(Part 2, Continued)

Acts 3:19-26



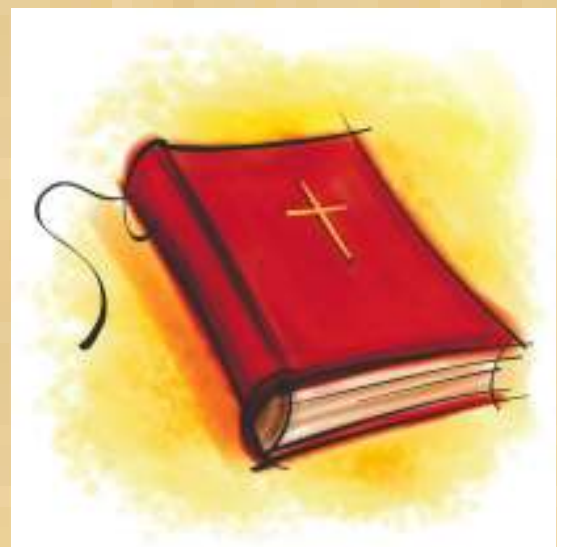
Introduction

- **Acts 3: 19**, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord”
 - To converted is to change
 - To change is to be a Christian
- What conclusion would an honest man reach if he were to read the Bible without prejudice?
 - One knowing nothing about God or the Bible
 - One not influenced by denominational rhetoric

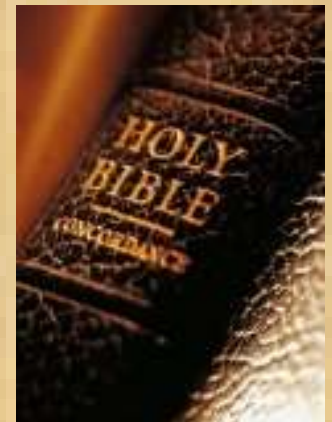


Gave Him Old Testament

1. He was excited to know there is a GOD that is the creator of all things, **Genesis 1:1**
2. He is interested in the flood, **Genesis 6:9**
3. He wanted to know about the blessings to come through Abraham's seed, **Genesis 12:2-3**
4. He wanted to know who was this Shiloh (Messiah) that was to come, **Genesis 49:10**



5. He wanted to know about the great prophet that will be raised up, **Deuteronomy 18:15**
6. He wanted to know if the Lord's house had been established yet, **Isaiah 2:2-3**
7. He wanted to know more about the birth of God's son, **Isaiah 9:6-7**
8. He wanted to know if the forerunner of the Messiah had ever come, **Isaiah 40:3-4**



9. He asked if the Gentiles had received God's righteousness and a new name, **Isaiah 62:2**
10. He asked about the one willing to die for our sins, **Isaiah 53:7-9**
11. He asked if the new covenant had been revealed, **Jeremiah 31:31-34**
12. He asked if the kingdom had been established, **Daniel 2:44**
13. He was sad the savior foretold had not come by the close of these great books, **Malachi 3:1-2**



I Gave Him the Four Gospels

1. He returned excited to know:
 - That Jesus Christ, Abraham's Seed, God's son, Shiloh, the Prophet, the Messiah, Counselor, Prince of Peace, etc., had now come
2. He was excited that many of the prophecies in the 39 books had been fulfilled in the Gospels.
3. He was saddened & relieved, to find Jesus was **“led to slaughter”** for remission of others' sins.
 - **Matthew 26:28**, “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”



4. He read that the kingdom (church) had not been established but that the Messiah and His “forerunner” had come.

- **Matthew 3:2**, “Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- **Matthew 4:17**, “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- **Matthew 16:18-19**, “upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven”



5. He noticed from the Gospels that the Holy Spirit had not come as Jesus had promised.

- **John 14:26**, “the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

6. After reading the Gospels he asked if the Great Commission had fulfilled.

- **Mark 16:15-16**, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”



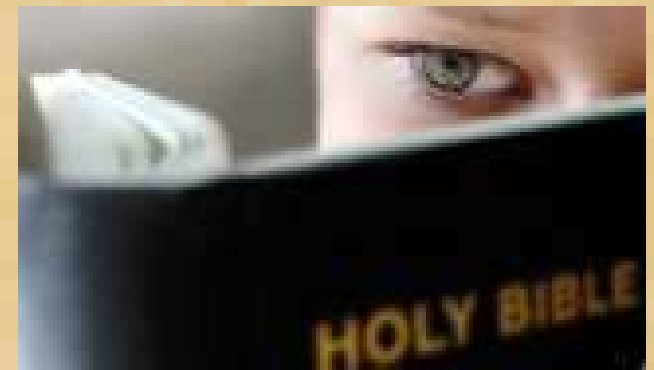
I Gave Him The Book of Acts!

1. He found that Jesus had died, was buried, resurrected, and had gone to prepare a place for us.
 - **John 14:2**, “I go to prepare a place for you.”
 - **Acts 1:10-11**, “while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”



2. From Acts he found that the Holy Spirit had now come to guide the Apostles as promised.

- **Acts 2:2-4**, “suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”



3. He was excited to read that Peter preached the 1st gospel sermon, & the doors of the kingdom (church) had been opened.

- **Acts 2:22-36**, Peter preaches 1st gospel sermon
- **Acts 2:37-41**, Jews responded to the gospel
- **Acts 2:42-46**, Church continued “steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, in fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayers”
- **Acts 2: 47**, “the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”



4. He saw how the church began in Jerusalem,
and the great commission was being fulfilled.

1st, Jews, **Acts 2**

2nd, Samaritans, Simon the Sorcerer, etc. **Acts 8**

3rd, Jewish proselyte, the Eunuch, **Acts 8**

4th, Jew of the strictest sect, Paul, **Acts 9; Acts 22**

5th, All the world, Cornelius(Gentiles) **Acts 10**

6th, Peter, John, Phillip, Paul, Barnabas,
Silas, Titus, Timothy, Apollos, Aquila
& Priscilla, and through YOU and I.



5. He wanted to know what hindered him from being baptized like the Eunuch? **Acts 8:35-38**

- He new God's Salvation plan, **Romans 10:17**
- He believed Jesus was God's son, **John 8:24**
- He wanted to repent of his sins, **Luke 13:3**
- He wanted to confess that Jesus Christ is the son of God before men, **Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37**
- He wanted to be baptized for remission of sins, **Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16**

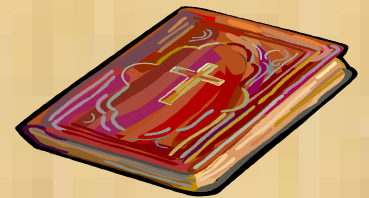
He wanted to be faithful, but wasn't sure how to do all of God's will! He had seen so many fail God throughout scripture!!!

I Gave Him the Last Books

Romans-Revelations

These books along with the Gospels and Acts would answer all of his questions!

1. What he was to be called. **Acts 11:26**
2. What the church should be called. **Romans 16:16**
3. How to worship. **John 4:24, Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Hebrews 10:25**
4. How to live a Christian life.
5. How to be a good husband, father, & employee.
6. How the church was to be organized & lead.



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“And he went on his way rejoicing.” Acts 8:39

