



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Acts 10:9–15, 30–35; Galatians 3:28–29**

#### **Read and Listen to “The Greenhorn from the East”**

#### **Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch**

#### **Class Starter Discussion Questions**

Use these questions to reflect on how obedience to Christ overcomes prejudice.

**1. When Thomas first arrives at Roaring Rapids Ranch, how do the ranch hands respond to him?**

How is their reaction similar to the way Jews traditionally viewed Gentiles before Peter’s vision in Acts 10?

**2. Jake gives Thomas “a square deal” before Thomas proves himself.**

How does Jake’s decision reflect Peter’s realization that God shows no partiality? What risks did Peter take in obeying what he knew was right?

**3. Thomas earns the trust of the ranch hands through courageous action during the fire.**

In Acts 10, what confirmed to Peter that God had truly accepted Cornelius and the Gentiles? Why is obedience to Christ often the key to overcoming prejudice?

**4. Mary explains that God looks at the heart, not the label people put on someone.**

How does Galatians 3:28–29 challenge social, racial, or cultural divisions in both Bible times and today?

**5. At the end of the story, Thomas is no longer called “the Greenhorn from the East.”**

Why is it important that believers see others first as brothers and sisters in Christ rather than by their background, reputation, or past mistakes? How can Christians today actively practice this truth in their communities?

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