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Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ **So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.** Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days. **Acts 10:39-48, NIV**

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