

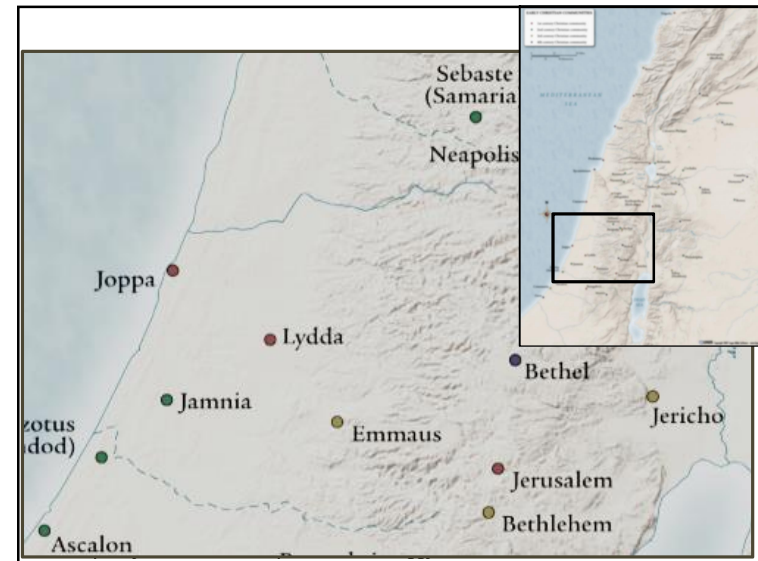
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## Miracles by Peter

**Acts 9:32-43**

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### Now Peter Is the Focus

**Acts 9:32, 33 (NASB)**

Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed.

- “Now” is *ginomai* in aorist indicative and is also found in this exact form in verses 37 & 43.
- These saints are Jewish Christians
- The 8 years detail shows the gravity of his condition

### A Lame Man Healed

**Acts 9:34, 35 (NASB)**

Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed.” Immediately he got up. And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

- This healing brings conversions
- This shows that Peter is doing what Jesus did (see Luke 5:18-26)
- “turned” here is *epistepho* which is common in Acts for repentance and conversion (11:21; 14:15; 15:19; 26:18; 26:20 and see 1Thes. 1:9)

## A Beloved Saint Dies

### Acts 9:36-37 (NASB)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room.

- Tabitha means “gazelle”
- These benevolent acts show how godly she was and also how beloved by the saints (lit. ‘deeds of mercy’)

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## The Church Sends for Peter

### Acts 9:38-39 (NASB)

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, “Do not delay in coming to us.” So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them.

- Greek speaking Jewish Christian widows were vulnerable and they were cared for (Acts 6:1)

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## God Raises the Dead

### Acts 9:40 (NASB)

But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

- There are echoes of Elijah (1Kings 17:17-24); Elisha (2Kings 4:32-37) and Jesus (Luke 8:40-42; 49-56)
- Peter was an eyewitness to Jesus raising Jairus’ daughter from the dead (Luke 8:51)

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## People Believe in Christ

### Acts 9:41-43 (NASB)

And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

- Tanners were considered unclean by the Jews
- This Simon is also mentioned in Acts 10:6, 32)
- There will be irony here: Peter stays with an unclean tanner and there he will learn an important lesson about what is “unclean”

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