

Acts 9:32-43 **Peter – Miracles at Lydda and Joppa**

Healed Paralytic at Lydda

³² Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. ³³ There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. ³⁵ So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Raised Dorcas (Tabitha) at Joppa

³⁶ At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷ But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

³⁸ And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. ³⁹ Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

⁴⁰ But Peter put 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. ⁴¹ Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. ⁴³ So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Healed Paralytic at Lydda

✚ Peter in Lydda:

- ✧ Lydda (Lod) is a city of Judea 11 miles Southeast of Joppa, 30 miles Northwest of Jerusalem in the Shephelah (low hills) on the edge of the plain of Sharon, near the site of the Ben-Gurion international airport.
- ✧ Believers were living in Lydda, and Peter came to visit them.
- ✧ Aeneas was a man living among them who had been paralyzed for eight years.
- ✧ Peter said to him, "**Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.**"
- ✧ Aeneas was instantly healed and immediately arose.
- ✧ Healed by the **power of the Holy Spirit**, in the **Name of Jesus the Christ**.
- ✧ The people of the region saw the miracle and turned to the Lord.
- ✧ Miracles were still being done through Peter. [Acts 9:34, 3:1-10, 5:12-16]

Raised Dorcas (Tabitha) at Joppa

✚ Call from Joppa

- ✧ Joppa (Yafo – Tel Aviv) is a coastal city, the largest city of Israel today.
- ✧ Tabitha (Dorcas) a Disciple who was a Saintly woman full of good deeds at Joppa died.
- ✧ They washed the body and laid it in an upper room.
- ✧ Having heard that Peter was in Lydda which was 11 miles away, they sent for Peter.
- ✧ Peter came with them, and having put them all out, Peter knelt down and prayed, then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise."
- ✧ Tabitha opened her eyes, when she saw Peter she sat up.

- ✧ Raised from the dead by the **power of the Holy Spirit** in response to **prayer and faith of Peter** and at the **command of Peter**.
- ✧ Peter gave her his hand and lifted her up.
 - ✧ There is no set pattern or formula on the part of believers to see miracles of the Holy Spirit being done, the Holy Spirit acts according to His own will and to confirm the message and faith of the believer. [\[1 Corinthians 12:11\]](#)
- ✧ Peter presented Tabitha alive to the Saints and widows.
- ✧ Again the result was that many believed on the Lord when they learned about the miracle.
- ✧ Peter stayed many days in Joppa at the house of Simon the Tanner.