

ACTS 9:32-43

As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda.³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years.³⁴ "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.³⁵ All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have any of you ever experienced something in the spiritual or natural realm that you would consider to be a miracle? If so, share with the group.

What do you think was the purpose of miracles in the early church?

Read Acts 9:32-35. Describe this first miracle. Who was healed? What was the infirmity? Where did this happen? How did this happen? What was the result?

Read Acts 9:36-43. Describe this second miracle. Who was healed? What was the infirmity? Where did this happen? How did this happen? What was the result?

By what means were these two people healed? Do you believe God still heals people today? Why?

When it comes to miracles and healing, how should we pray today? Is there anyone we can pray for right now?

DAILY READINGS

1. 2 KINGS 4:8-37
2. PSALM 30:1-12
3. JOHN 11:1-44
4. MARK 2:1-17
5. MARK 5:35-43
6. JAMES 5:13-18
7. ACTS 9:32-43