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Church – The Beginnings, Part 26

Peter's Gospel Miracle Tour

Acts 9:32-43





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 [Messiah] 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.



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.

**Distance between
Lydda (Lod) & Joppa is
14 miles
- Joffa/Joppa is
Tel Aviv-Yafo, today**



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.



1. Peter ministered to People, **DIRECTLY** touching their lives
Gospel Ministry touches real people's lives
No Fan-fair, no self-promotion, no horn blowing. But, just like Jesus, Peter quietly ministered to people, pointing them to Jesus.
2. Peter was **AVAILABLE**. He was not too popular and famous that he couldn't be approached. With such Ministry Success that Peter, John and the other have had, they could have had a tendency toward Pride. But, we don't see this in Peter. He was available to go to Joppa after such a successful ministry in Lydda and Sharon.
3. God, sovereignly, did the **MIRACULOUS** through Peter – which led to whole regions to come to Christ. **Miracles, Signs, and Wonders all Point to Christ – To Legitimize Christ, and the Word of God. The Aim is bringing lost sinners to salvation in Christ. Lydda, Sharon, and Joppa – God uses Miracles on the Mission Field – AND - here as well.**
ref: Acts 4:29-30 & Hebrews 2:1-3