

Read Acts 9:32-43

32 Meanwhile, Peter traveled from place to place, and he came down to visit the believers in the town of Lydda. **33** There he met a man named Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years.

34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up and roll up your sleeping mat!" And he was healed instantly.

35 Then the whole population of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas walking around, and they turned to the Lord.

36 There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.

37 About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room.

38 But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!"

39 So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them.

40 But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up!

41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive. **42** The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.

43 And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a tanner of hides.

When Peter was traveling and arrived in Lydda to visit the believers there, who did he meet (v. 32)? A man named Aeneas.

What do we know about Aeneas (v. 33)? He was paralyzed and had been in bed for the last eight years.

What did Peter tell Aeneas to do (v. 34)? Get up and pick up your sleeping mat.

Aeneas was healed! Who healed him? Jesus.

What effect did the healing have on the townspeople (v. 35)? They believed in Jesus.

What do we know about Tabitha (v. 36)? She lived in Joppa and was very kind to everyone and helped the poor people.

What happened next to Tabitha (v. 37)? She got sick and died. The people got her ready to be buried.

When Tabitha died, what did the believers do (v. 38)? They asked Peter to come. They probably thought he could help.

What did Peter do when he got there (vv. 39-41)? (Read vv. 39-41) Peter prayed and Tabitha was healed. She came back from the dead. Jesus healed her. **Can you imagine seeing that miracle for yourself?**

What effect did that healing have on the townspeople (v. 42)? Many of them believed in Jesus.