

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)

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PART 25: ESTABLISHING AUTHENTICITY

We are now going to learn how the Holy Spirit once and for all established the same power and authority that Jesus had displayed had been transferred to the Apostles and to their disciples. No occultist is able to raise people from the dead and perform outstanding miracles upon deformed bodies. **John 14:11-20**

THE CITY OF LYDDA

This city was located about 30 miles northwest of Jerusalem. It was a pagan city under the name of Diospolis with a small Jewish settlement. During the Old Testament time it was known as Lod.

For the first time we find that the apostle Peter is operating by himself, and we are not told how many people he had in his traveling party. **Acts 9:32**

THE PARALYZED MAN

The Bible does not say if Aeneas was a Gentile or a Jew; we only know the man had been paralyzed for eight years. **Verse 33**

We are not told if Peter preached the Gospel before the healing took place, but the way the text is written, Peter must have just come upon the man like he and John did with the lame man when they were going to the temple in Jerusalem. The man was healed with a short command. **Verse 34**

Lydda was not a large city and everyone in town knew of this man; after he was healed, Jew and Gentile alike made Jesus their Lord. **Verse 35**

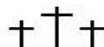
THE DEAD WOMAN IN THE CITY OF JOPPA

This was a city on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea located only 11 miles northwest of Lydda. News of the healing in Lydda had traveled to Joppa and the believers in Christ living there sent word for Peter to hurry up and come to Joppa. **Verses 36-38**

When Peter arrived in Joppa, Dorcas had already been prepared to for burial. The Jewish custom then and now is that once a person is dead, they must be buried within 24 hours.

It is noteworthy that the Jewish believers in Christ did not talk about how much they loved this woman, instead, they talked about how much she had produced and how they were missing her labor and products. **Verse 39**

Peter didn't want this selfish group present when he would pray for God to raise this woman from the dead, so he put them all outside and prayed alone just like Jesus had done. **Verse 40-41**



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The city of Joppa was also small and the entire city heard about the miracle of a dead woman being raised from the dead. But this miracle only caused some people to repent and be saved. **Verses 42-43**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THESE EVENTS?

Jesus was never moved by circumstances and neither was the apostle Peter. **Luke 8: 41-56**

Obedience, faith and not being moved by intimidation is a must for every Christian to pray for the sick and the dead. **James 1:1-8**

You can't minister to anyone if you're not secure in your salvation. **John 10:27-30; 1 John 5:10-15**

You won't be able to pray for miracles if you're not secure in the love of God. **1 John 4:17-18**

Some Christians have never learned what it means to have faith in God. **Hebrews 11:1-6**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?