

32 Lydda – 26 miles NW of Jerusalem, fertile plain below the foothills of Judea. “Lod” in Old Testament, city of the Benjaminites before and after exile, 1 Chron. 8:12, Nehemiah 11:35

33 Aeneas – Greek Name – Hellenistic Jew – do not know if he is a Christian or not.

Dr. Luke diagnoses his condition; could mean since he was 8 but probably meant he had it for 8 years. Don’t know the cause, maybe an accident that crushed his spine.

Beds were mats laid out at night and taken up the next day.

Immediately he got up!

35 Sharon – possibly an obscure village or the fertile plain of Sharon; cf. Song of Solomon 2:1

36 Joppa – 12 miles West, seacoast town. Once a city of the tribe of Dan – known as Jaffa today, a suburb of Tel-Aviv. Jonah boarded a ship at Joppa.

Tabitha – only the second woman named since Pentecost (1st Sapphira, Acts 5); means gazelle or little fawn

37 Jewish legal codes required a burial had to be done the same day. Outlying areas could take up to three days.

They would wash the body and anoint with spices.

38 Seemed they wanted Peter there before the burial.

After this, the next person to be raised is in Ch. 20:9-12 – Eutychus.

39 Assumed she was a sister

Potentially these people were the recipients of her works.

Showing inner & outer clothing – possibly wearing the clothing

40 As far as we know, 1st time an Apostle raised someone from the dead.

3 things about Tabitha:

1. Raising of Tabitha, no harder than healing Aeneas.
2. Dorcas had no faith to be healed. “Faith healers” fail then blame the recipient’ lack of faith.
3. Raising of Dorcas not the climax of the story – many souls were saved.

Healing – Helping – Heralding

Upper Room: Communion, Companionship, Communication, Comfort

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Acts 9:32-43