

# Acts of the Apostles

chapters

- 1 *Stand by Me*
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**Acts 9:39** – All the widows stood around Peter, crying & showing him the robes & clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them



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*San Pietro che Resuscita Tabita*, 1618, by Guercino (1591–1666)

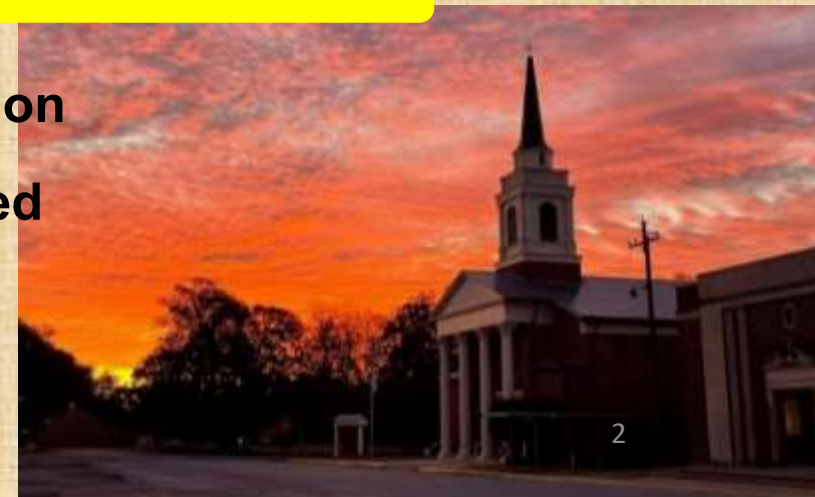
# Early Church

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June 2	1	<i>Stand by Me</i>	Gift of Holy Ghost Coming
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June 23	3	<i>When Tomorrow Starts</i>	Peter Heals Lame – 2nd Sermon Resurrection
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Aug 4	9a	<i>You Light Up My Life</i>	Paul Blinded, then SEES & Tells ALL
Aug 11	9b	<i>Don't Take the Girl</i>	<b>Peter Heals Aenaes &amp; Raises Tabitha</b>
Aug 18	10	<i>Including</i>	Peter's Vision—EAT
Aug 25	11-12	<i>Praying</i>	Peter Freed from Prison

We do NOT know how old Tabitha was – I'm guessing middle-aged

Could be younger ... yet the younger you go, the *LESS* time you have for a real reputation to accrue

Middle-aged or older seems to give TIME for her high praise





# Our Church



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### Popeye The Real Man



#### The History of the Real Popeye

His real name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel.



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## ***From last week ...***

**Popeye real name was  
Frank "Rocky" Fiegel,  
b. 1868, Poland**

**Rocky spent 20 years at sea  
in the Merchant Marines,  
then retired.**

**In Chester, Illinois, the  
Wiebusch's Tavern  
hired Popeye as 'Bouncer'**



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Rocky developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting, usually winning

As a result, he had a deformed eye, a "Pop-eye"

He also always smoked his pipe, so he spoke out of one side of his mouth.

Cartoonist Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester listening to Rocky's tales of sea stories

Years later, Segar asked Rocky if he could use him

Segar claimed Olive Oyl & others based upon real people  
Olive Oyl was Dora Paskel, owned a small grocery store

Segar kept in touch with Rocky and giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations



**I Yam what I Yam  
You are what You Are**

Talking about the  
death of a loved one  
Tabitha ...

Doubt this applies ...  
Probably doesn't ...

But perhaps ... a smile

We SHOULD remember  
Good Folks

like James Gregory





We grow by degrees ... bit by bit  
Good people grow on us ...  
Love grows and matures ...

Of people, how those poor WIDOWS  
begged & prayed & MISSED

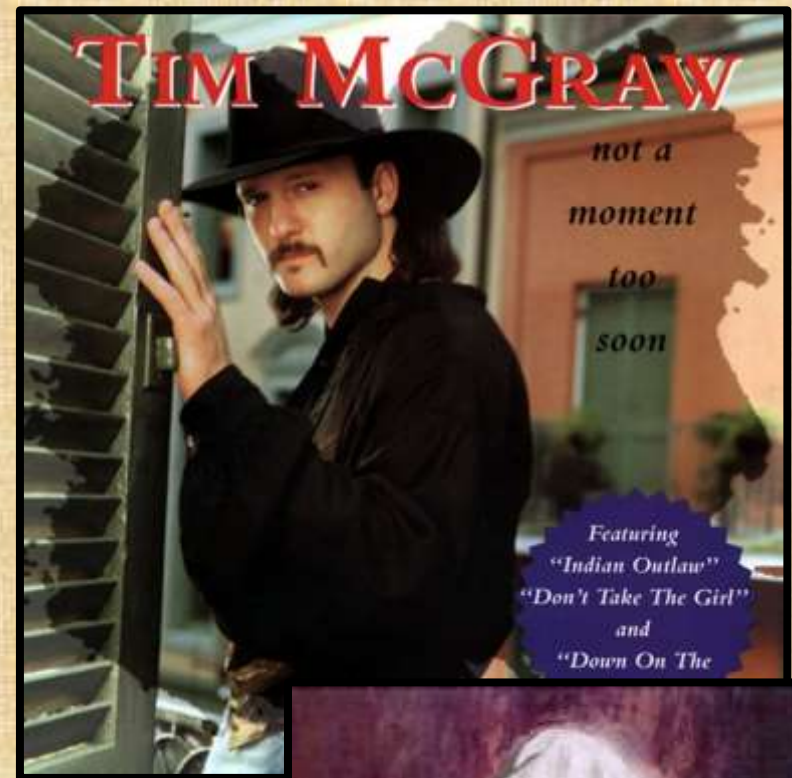
**Dorcus** is Greek for Aramaic **Tabitha**  
which means **Gazelle** ... they *missed*

**Their Sweet Helpful Gazelle**

Tim McGraw captures this well in his sweet song  
**“Don’t Take the Girl”**



While certainly about a boy & girl, message is  
about **TREASURING** a loved Woman



Tim McGraw, "Don't Take the Girl"

Johnny's daddy was takin' him fishin'  
When he was eight years old  
A little girl came through the front gate  
Holdin' a fishin' pole  
His dad looked down and smiled  
Said, "We can't leave her behind  
Son, I know you don't want her to go  
But someday you'll change your mind"  
And Johnny said, Take Jimmy Johnson,  
take Tommy Thompson  
Take my best friend, Bo

**Heard it said, "We don't know how much we valued them  
Until they are GONE!" – especially true for the YOUNG  
After 50 & 60, I think we come to KNOW much better what we HAVE!**





# Peter – On the Road Again

Chapters 9

**9:32-35 Peter Heals Aeneas in Lydda**

**9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa**

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**Tale of Two Miracles ...**

**Tale of Two Lives Give New Leases**

**The latter one, Tabitha, raised from the *DEAD***

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**9:40 – “Tabitha, *ARISE!*”**

## **9:32-35** Peter Heals Aeneas in Lydda

9:31 ... *after* the conversion of Paul ... peace in the land

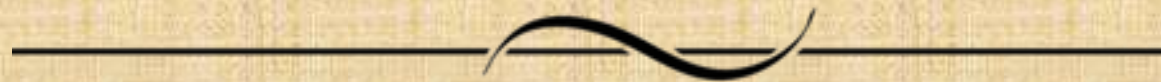
9:32 **As Peter traveled about the country,**

**he visited the Lord's People who lived in Lydda.**

**“traveled about the country”**

**to what? ... “visit the Lord's people”**

# **Let's visit the LORD's People!**





**9:32-35 Peter Heals Aeneas in Lydda**

**Oh my ... would that we, too, were known as the**

**LORD's People!**

**On your block ...**

**Your County Road ...**

**Your street ...**

**If Peter was looking ...**

**Would YOU**

**be found?**

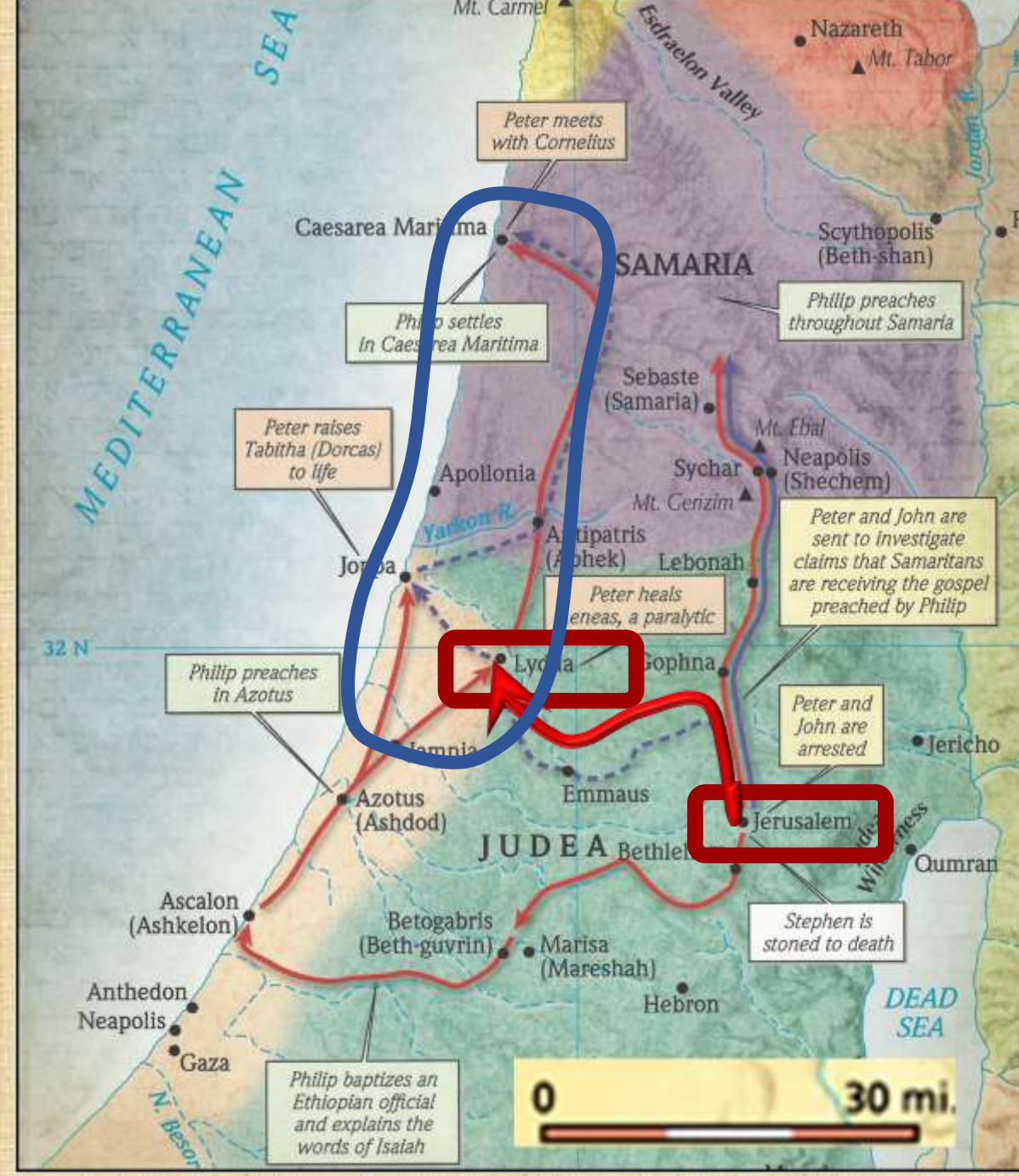


# Peter goes to Lydda

We do not know  
much about Lydda

On the **Plain of Sharon**

Almost certainly “Lod” in the O.T.  
mentioned briefly in  
**Chronicles, Ezra, & Nehemiah**





## 9:32-35 Peter Heals Aeneas in Lydda

33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed & 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.

**Aeneas**—name of legendary Greek hero of Troy, a cousin to Hector ... survivor who started new city

Virgil’s epic poem *Aeneid* (c. 29-19 B.C.) elevates Aeneas above hero to one who **“guides his life by obedience to divine command”** according to *Britannica*



*St. Peter Raising Tabitha, 1611*  
Fabrizio Santafede

**9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa**

**<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha,  
in Greek her name is Dorcas;  
she was always doing good  
and helping the poor.**

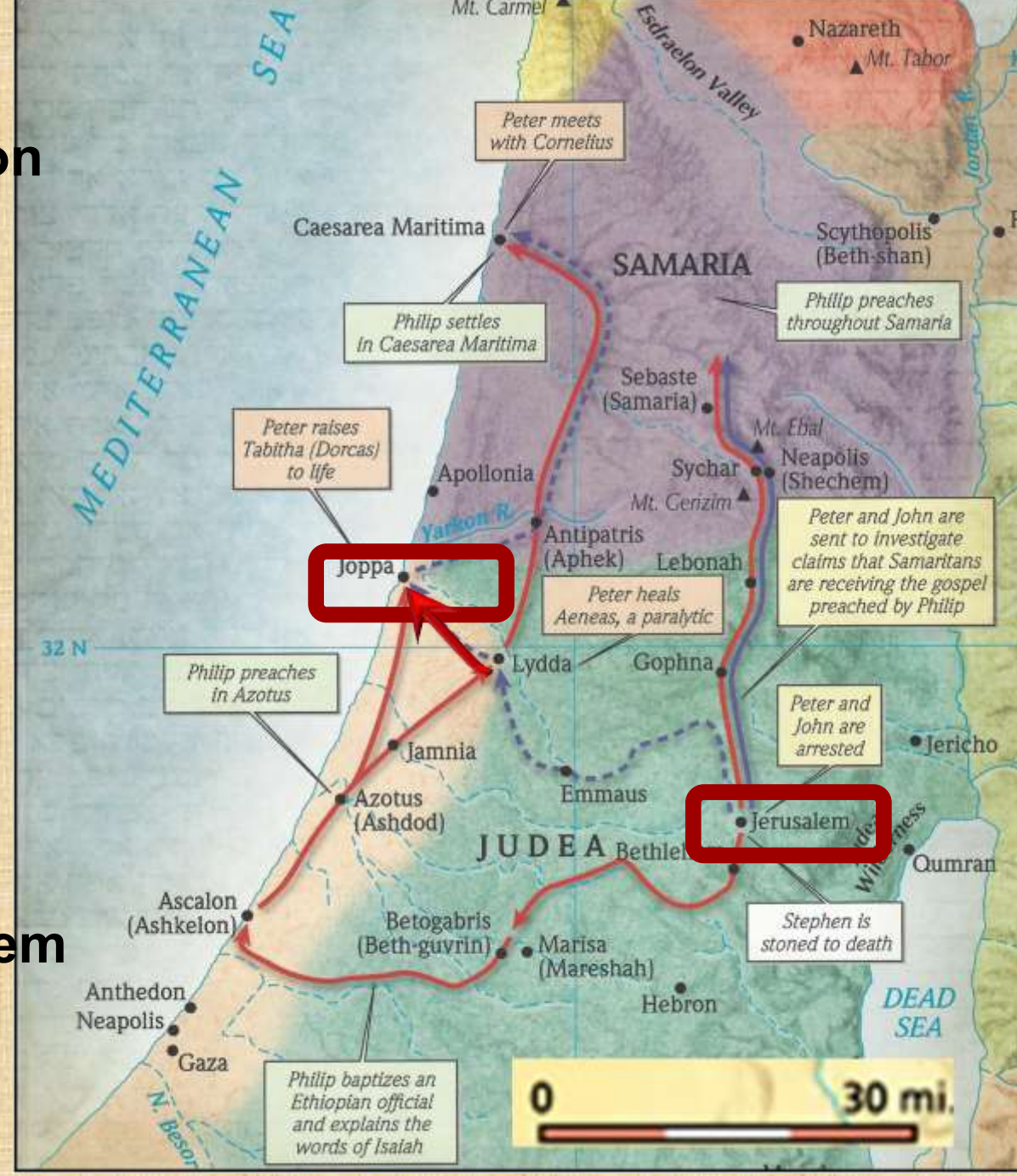
***Dorcus* is Greek for Aramaic *Tabitha*  
which means *Gazelle* –**





# Lydda to Joppa, maybe 13 miles

- ✓ Joppa city port under David & Solomon secondary port in N.T.
- ✓ Joppa was port Jonah sailed from when he fled to escape Lord's work
- ✓ *Joppa* can mean *beauty*
- ✓ Greek legends include Andromeda
- ✓ Pliny the Elder (A.D. 23-79) linked Joppa to daughter of Aeolus, god of wind
- ✓ Some say from the height of Joppa one can see Jerusalem
- ✓ TODAY, its suburb of Tel Aviv, former city of U.S. embassy now in Jerusalem
- ✓ Tel Aviv hosts Israel's Intl Airport





**Joppa** Ancient Port City NOT as sophisticated as Caesarea 30 north

**Ancient Joppa / Jaffa**





## 9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa ... Tabitha ... or Dorcas ...  
always doing good & helping the poor.

Tabitha was an inspiration behind the women's  
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (1900)

- ✓ One of largest unions in U.S. 1900s, mostly migrants
- ✓ Division arose over males in top leadership, though most of members were women
- ✓ 1990s, **ILGWU** merged with the Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers Union to form new Union of Needletrades, Industrial & Textile Employees, or **UNITE**



Four women strikers from Ladies Tailors union on the picket line during the "Uprising of the 20,000," garment workers' strike, New York City. Bain News Service, Feb. 1910.

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Tim McGraw, "Don't Take the Girl"

Take anybody that you want as  
Long as she don't go  
Take any boy in the world  
Daddy, please,  
don't take the girl

**Tabitha – their Gazelle ...**

**Perhaps many of the young women  
Looked to the older ones crying ...  
Of all the many GOOD women ...  
Of all the gifted women ...**

**There was a Tabitha, Gazelle ...**





**9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa**

**36 In Joppa ... Tabitha ... or Dorcas ...  
always doing good & helping the poor.**

**37 About that time she became SICK & DIED,  
her body was washed & placed in an upstairs room.**

**Her Ministry is Cut Short  
Who's Going to Fill Her Shoes?**

**No one sung it better than  
our own George Jones**



## 9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa

<sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa.

When the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

**Ancient Joppa / Jaffa**





## 9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa

<sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room.

All the WIDOWS stood around him, crying & showing him the robes & other clothing that Dorcas / Tabitha had made while she was still with them.



**9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa**

**Death and Hope**

**Who's Going to Fill HER Shoes?**

**No One! . . . No One Can . . .**

**WIDOWS missed Tabitha—their Gazelle**

**Tabitha's sweet kindly ways**

**Tabitha's utter respect for them ...**

**The POOR**



**widows were often the “Least of These”**





**James 1:27 says:**

**Pure & undefiled religion before God & the Father is this:  
to visit orphans & widows in their trouble**

**After a LONG pointed explanation in 2:14-26**

**Faith without Works is Dead**

**It is very noteworthy that the DISCIPLES  
asked for Peter to come for this WOMAN**

**Tabitha / Dorcus – their Gazelle ...**

**Exemplified pure religion & Love of others**



**Like FEW**



We SHOULD  
remember  
Widows ...  
*and* others

like  
Veterans





9:39 **WIDOWS** stood around Peter,  
crying & showing him the robes & other  
clothing that Dorcas had made while  
**she was still with them.**



Tabitha's Faith Revealed in her **LOVE**

Often ... when someone we **LOVE DIES**

Our pain ... tears ... heart throbbing

reflection of **LOVE** for the departed



**we HURT as we Love**

Tim McGraw, "Don't Take the Girl"

Same old boy, same sweet girl

Ten years down the road

He held her tight and kissed her lips in

Front of the picture show

Stranger came and pulled a gun

Grabbed her by the arm

Said, "If you do what I tell you to,

There won't be any harm"



When Tabitha, Gazelle, fell ***ILL*** ...

Many wondered ... feared ...

Some wore the very dresses

**Hand-sewn by Tabitha, their Gazelle**





9:39 widows stood around him, crying and showing ...

Memorials of Tabitha's **LOVE**

**Clothes that Warmed Their Hearts**

**Robes, Quilts, Jackets, CLOTHING, more**

**Widows—precious in God's site**

**Do you know a widow?**



9:39 widows stood around Peter

crying and showing ...

Oh ... they *MISSED* their Gazelle

How they wished, begged, wept that

God **NOT TAKE** Tabitha

Of ALL people, don't take HER

Yet—there she lies, dead, gone





Tim McGraw, "Don't Take the Girl"

And Johnny said

Take my money, take my wallet

Take my credit cards

Here's the watch that my grandpa gave me

Here's the key to my car

Mister, give it a *whirl*

But, please,

*don't take the girl*

**These fears that come our way ...**

**The reality of ...**

**How fragile life truly is ...**



## 9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa

9:40 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, *ARISE!*”**

She opened her eyes, &  
seeing Peter she sat up.



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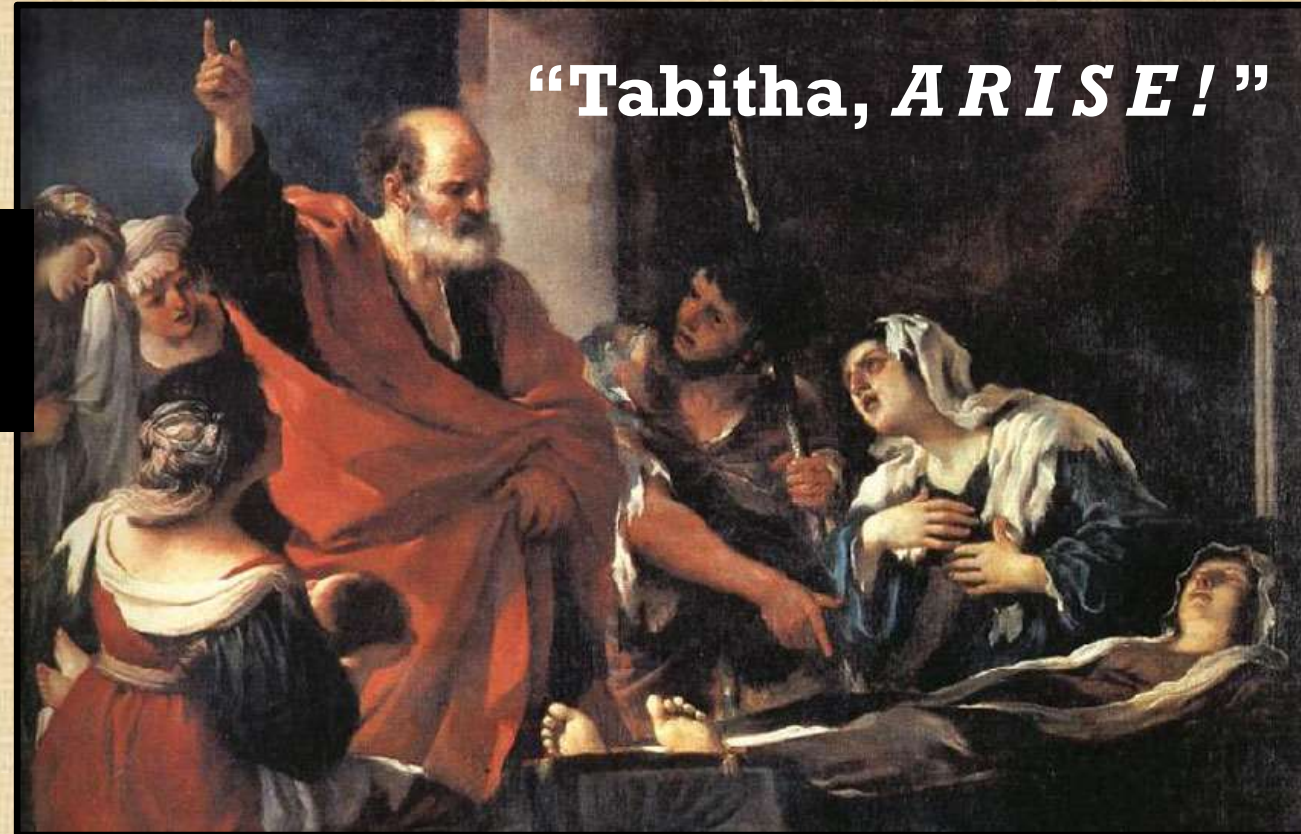
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**41 He took her by the hand & helped her to her feet.  
he called for the believers,  
especially the widows,  
presented her to them **ALIVE**.**

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**“Tabitha, *ARISE!*”**



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Then he called for the believers,**

***Did you see the rest of that verse?***

**Don't miss  
the last part**





**9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa**

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Then he called for the believers,**

*Did you see the rest of that verse? – look see*

**especially the widows**

**and presented her, *their gazelle*, to them alive.**



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**Why did Peter do that?**



Tim McGraw, "Don't Take the Girl"

Same old boy, same sweet girl

Five years down the road

There's gonna be a little one and

She Says, "It's time to go"

Doctor says, "The baby's fine

But you'll have to leave

'Cause his momma's fadin' fast" and

Johnny hit his *knees*

**Can we capture the grief of the WIDOWS?**

**There was only ONE Tabitha, Gazelle**

**No One CARED Like Her**

**No one cared for WIDOWS like Gazelle, Tabitha**





**9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa**

# Why did Peter do that?

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lot of people died in the last 10 years

one thing's for certain ... absolutely certain

No has ... No one else will ...

**NO ONE**

Would take care of poor widows

**Like Disciple Tabitha**



**no one ... *few have, few will***

Tim McGraw, "Don't Take the Girl"

Johnny hit his **knees**

And there he prayed

Take the very breath you gave me

Take the heart from my chest

I'll gladly take her place  
if you'll let me

Make this my last request

Take me out of this world

God, please,

**don't take the girl**

**Then comes Peter ...**





**9:36-43 Peter Raises Tabitha in Joppa**

**9:42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.**

**so many believed because Peter raised sweet Tabitha from the dead**

**What a SHAME ... and shame on them**

**They SHOULD have believed because of the**

**LIVING FAITH of Tabitha**

**and HELPED her**



9:42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

**Know what is ALSO absolutely certain?**

Only a FEW are raised from the DEAD this side of heaven

N.T. records a few ... we know very little here

Name Tabitha, Gazelle, and her Good Works in Faith

Tabitha got more help ... her tribe increased

Poor SAW their Tabitha Raised and **BELIEVED**

believed before, but NOW they



**BELIEVED wholeheartedly**





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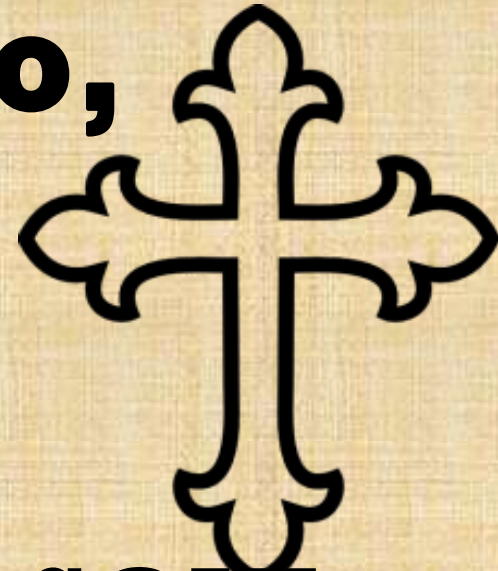
**One Lesson then is**

**Good Works with Faith**

**might raise you, too,  
from the dead**

***Might***

**Good Works invigorate the SOUL**



# **With Tabitha Returned— Poor Widows' FAITH Rose Higher**

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

***In the next chapter Peter has a vision that unites  
but he is staying with an unclean tanner***



***God preparing Peter & us for another journey ...***



How can we  
Like Tabitha ... Gazelle  
Endear ourselves to  
Widows &  
Orphans



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