

A Broader Ministry – in Joppa: Conquering Death

Acts 09: 36–42

1 *The place:*
A city where disciples and saints lived

2 *The need:*
A believer had tragically died

- a. A faithful believer
- b. A tragic death

- c. A great hope and desperate appeal

- d. A sensitive, pastoral response
- e. A deep sorrow for a dedicated believer

3 *The source of power to raise the dead:*
Christ Jesus

- a. Getting alone
- b. Praying to the living Lord

- c. Acting as Jesus instructed

4 *The results*

- a. Many people believed
- b. An open door to evangelism

36 In Joppa
there was a disciple named Tabitha
(which, when translated, is Dorcas),
who was always doing good
and helping the poor.

37 About that time she became sick and died,
and her body was washed
and placed in an upstairs room.

38 Lydda was near Joppa;
so when the disciples heard
that Peter was in Lydda,
they sent two men to him
and urged him, “Please come at once!”

39 Peter went with them,
and when he arrived
he was taken upstairs to the room.
All the widows stood around him,
crying and showing him the robes
and other clothing that Dorcas had made
while she was still with them.

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, get up.”
She opened her eyes,
and seeing Peter she sat up.

41 He took her by the hand
and helped her to her feet.
Then he called the believers and the widows
and presented her to them alive.

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

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