

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"The Master's Footsteps"**  
**Acts 9:32-43**  
**Study-18**

**Acts 9:32-43** – Contains a Descriptive account of Peter's healing ministry immediately following Saul's departure to Tarsus.

**1. Verses 32-35 – The Lame**

**2. Verses 36-43 – The Dead**

**1. Verses – 32-35 The Lame:**

Acts 9:32

Acts 9:30-31

Matt 16:19

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;" – The term "keys" symbolizes "authority; the authority to open and close doors"

Acts 15:7

Acts 14:27

"he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda." – Today is called "Lod" or Ludd"; the area of the Tel Aviv Airport.

Acts 9:33

Paralysis – symbolizes the outcome of sin. Sin paralyzes us, and keeps us from walking, and living.

Acts 9:34

Peter Was Available To Jesus: "And Peter said to him,"

The Miracle Was Through Jesus' Power: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you;"

Peter Followed Jesus' Example: "'arise, and make your bed.' And immediately he arose."

Matt 9:6

Acts 9:35

The Miracle Brought Glory To God: "and they turned to the Lord."

## **2. Verses – 36-43 The Dead:**

Acts 9:36

Joppa – today this city is called Jaffa. It is a neat town on the Mediterranean about 12 miles northwest of Lydda and about 35 miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Tabitha is her Aramaic name and Dorcas is her name in Greek. Both of these names mean gazelle.

Romans 16:12

We can learn three things about her:

1. She Was A Devoted Disciple – "there was a certain disciple named Tabitha"; She is known as a disciple – or follower of Jesus. "A follower of the teacher and His teaching"; A disciple was a learner, a follower and one who was determined to be like his or her teacher.

Luke 6:40

Matthew 9:36.

2. She Was A Doer Of The Word – "this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness"; This phrase literally means that she was "full of good works."

More people filled with words than there are people filled with works. Galatians 6:10

1 Timothy 2:9-10

3. She Helped The Hurting – "and charity,"; "compassionateness as exercised towards the poor"

Acts 9:39

Proverbs 31:19-20

It was small acts of kindness that were used to comfort and evangelize.  
Matthew 5:16

Matt 5:40-41

Acts 9:37-39

“tunics and garments” – in the original language refers to both their undergarments and their outerwear –

Acts 9:40

Miracle Was Through Jesus’ Power: “But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed”

Peter Followed Jesus’ Example: Mark 5:41

This is the first mention of a person in Acts being raised from the dead!

Peter called on Tabitha to get up and she did. God is calling each of us to get up and be involved in acts of compassion.

Eph 2:8-10

Acts 9:41-42

The Miracle Brought Glory To God: “and many believed in the Lord.”

Acts 9:43

### **Application:**

1. Jesus Is Our Example To Follow:
2. We Need To Make Ourselves Available To Jesus:
3. God Chooses To Use Us, But Jesus Is The Healer:
4. God’s Power Should Bring Him Glory and Us Salvation: