



**This morning's talk:**  
How to be an imitator  
of Jesus

**Acts 9:32-43 (New International Version)**

<sup>32</sup>As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda. <sup>33</sup>There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. <sup>34</sup>"Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. <sup>35</sup>All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup>In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was

always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup>About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

<sup>38</sup>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!"

<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 and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup>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. <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

**"Get up and tidy up your mat."**  
(Acts 9:34)

**"Get up, take your mat and go home"**  
(Mark 2:11)



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### The 'Jesus' of Peter

- A religious teacher, mentor, friend and closest confidante
- Ministered to the sick, poor and outcasts
- Always had time for people across all society
- Modelled praying, preaching and pastoring

What is 'a true Christian'?



What is 'a disciple'?

**"Tabitha, get up!"**  
(Acts 9:40)

**"Little girl, I say to you, get up!"**  
(Mark 2:11)

To **imitate** Christ is to be  
**intimate** with Jesus

The Holy Spirit gives us  
**boldness:**

- to speak out
- to reach out
- to stand out