

## DORCAS – A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 NIV*

This story falls in the \_\_\_\_\_ part of this outline.

We may be guilty of overlooking this passage because of another great story in Acts 9. What is that story?

*In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. Acts 9:36a NIV*

### SHE WAS FROM JOPPA

*In Joppa....*

What else in the Bible happened in Joppa?

Where is YOUR Joppa?

Could it be said of us: *In Cleveland Tennessee there was a disciple named \_\_\_\_\_.*

### SHE IS CALLED A D \_\_\_\_\_

*In Joppa there was a disciple.... Acts 9:36a NIV*

The word “disciple” is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Bible.  
The word is directly applied to a woman \_\_\_\_\_ of these times.

The word “disciple” has at its roots in verbs that mean “to l \_\_\_\_\_” and “to f \_\_\_\_\_”

### SHE WENT BY DIFFERENT N \_\_\_\_\_

*In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas Acts 9:36a NIV*

Both names mean g \_\_\_\_\_.

### SHE D \_\_\_\_\_

*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!” Acts 9:37-38 NIV*

How far is Lydda from Joppa? \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

## SHE GAVE M \_\_\_\_\_

*she was always doing good and helping the poor. Acts 9:36b NIV*

*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. Acts 9:39 NIV*

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27 NIV*

You have given your heart to Jesus. But have you given your h \_\_\_\_\_?

By giving ourselves to others, we will feel less of a desire to focus on o \_\_\_\_\_ and our own problems.

- *I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to s \_\_\_\_\_. -Albert Schweitzer.*

## GOD WAS NOT F \_\_\_\_\_ WITH HER YET

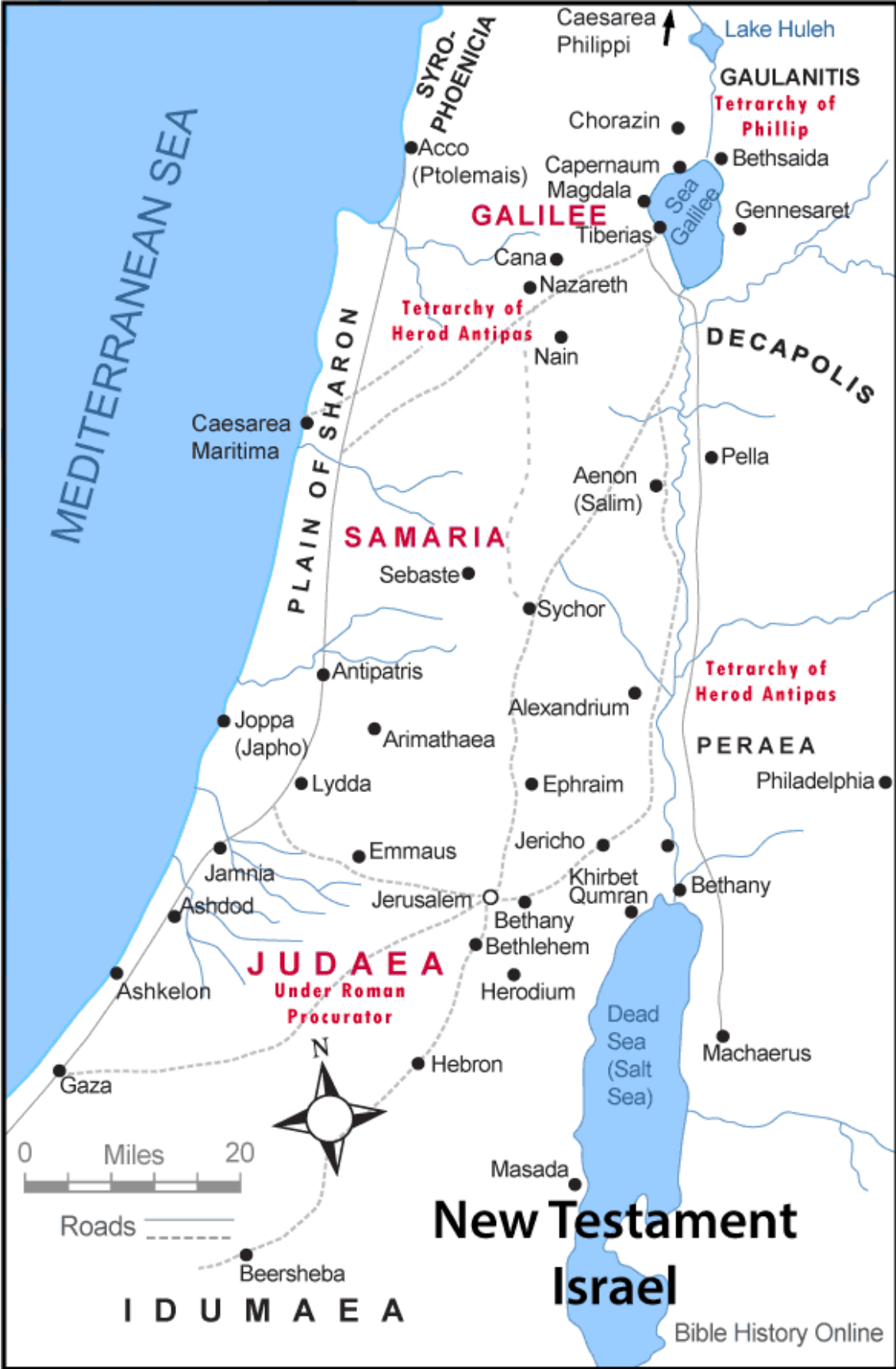
*40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. Acts 9:40 NIV*

*41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. 42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Acts 9:41-42 NIV*

*9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him. John 12:9-11 NIV*

- *Few of us will ever be called on to do great things, but all of us can do s \_\_\_\_\_ things in a great way. Colman McCarthy.*

If you had to summarize your life into one w \_\_\_\_\_, what would it be?



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