

Study Notes and Questions for Acts 9 (Part 3) :32-43

- How do these verses in chapter 9 reflect the power of Christ's resurrection?
- Compare Acts 9:32–43 to Luke 4:18–19, 38–39 and 8:40–42, 51–56. Why do you think it is important for us to know that Peter healed the sick and raised the dead (see John 14:12–14)? (In other words, why does Luke keep telling us these miracle stories?)
- What does it say about Peter that he was willing to come immediately from Lydda to Joppa?
- What does Luke mean by saying Tabitha was “full of good works and acts of charity”?
- How does Tabitha's lifestyle reflect her Christian values?
- Why do you think Peter put the grieving women out of the room before praying over the dead woman?
- What was the outcome of each miracle in these verses?
- The chapter ends telling us that Peter stayed with a man named Simon the tanner. Common people often used their occupations as a kind of last name, but Simon's is significant. A man who tanned animal skins routinely touched dead creatures and so was ritually unclean according to Jewish law. What does it say about Peter that he was staying with Simon the tanner?