

Rise Up
Acts 9:32 – 43

John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Luke 1:4 "so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."

Acts 9:36 – 43

Facts about Tabitha

- She was a disciple – verse 36

John 8:31-32 - To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples . 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 13:35 - By this all men will know that you are my disciples , if you love one another."

John 15:8 - This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples .

- She was always doing good and helping the poor – verse 36
- She became sick and died – verse 37
- She was washed and placed in an upper room – verse 37
- She had friends who were willing to do anything for her – verse 38

How many times do we give up?

- She was deeply loved by the widows – verse 39

Takeaways:

- Bad things happen to good people
- God doesn't heal every sickness, every time, as we would want Him to
- Death is a reality we will all face one day
- Have we built relationships where others would do anything for us?
- Will we be missed when we are gone?

Peter's action

- He cleared the room
- He prayed

Where was Tabitha?

To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord

To live is Christ to die is gain

Today you will be with me in paradise

- He spoke life

- He presented her to the believers and widows – ALIVE

Peter didn't do what some who try to raise people from the dead today do.

- He didn't announce that he was going to raise her from the dead.
- He didn't put on a public spectacle. Watch what I can do.
- He presented her to the believers in private so that the Lord would get the glory

What were the end results of this story?

– Many people believed in the Lord

Rise Up! - Don't remain in your death.

Rise Up! - There is more life for you to live.

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