

PETER AT LYDDA AND JOPPA LESSON TOPIC

Activities Started at Jerusalem, But, Like That of Jesus, His Ministry Became Itinerant

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for May 31. Peter at Lydda and Joppa.—Acts, 9:32-43.

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FROM the activities of Paul, the new convert, we turn again in this lesson to the work of Peter. His ministry in the beginning were centered at Jerusalem, but like that of his Lord he was an itinerant minister.

The scene of the first incident in this lesson is at Lydda, about 25 miles northwest from Jerusalem. Here we have the story of the healing of Aeneas who had been for eight years sick in bed.

From Lydda Peter, at the call of two disciples, passed on to Joppa where Tabitha, better known as Dorcas, a woman full of good works, had just died. Peter on arrival at Joppa, which was only a few miles from Lydda, found the body washed and laid out for burial in an upper chamber with widows, whom Dorcas had helped, standing around and showing the garments which she had made.

The record is that Peter put them all forth and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body said, "Tabitha, arise," that she opened her eyes and sat up when she saw Peter, and that Peter gave her his hand, lifted her up and presented her alive to the saints and widows.



Text: Acts 9:32-43

And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon, a tanner.

No Proof

There can be little value in discussing this miracle except as it symbolizes the life-giving power of Christ and the Gospel. We have neither proof nor disproof outside of the Gospel of the incident as it is recorded, and if miracles could be explained, there could be no longer miracles. We have not the full facts, and above all, we have no medical testimony. Dorcas may not have been actually dead.

I have had occasion recently to look up in the Congregationalist of some years ago, I think it was way back in the eighties of last century, a story almost as remarkable as this in our lesson, the full truth of which, I believe, was amply verified. It concerned a well-known Congregational minister, a man of saintly and noble character who had to all appearances died. He was laid out for burial and was about to be interred when a woman, who had formerly nursed him through an illness, who had not heard of his death, in response to a spiritual prompting that she could not explain, came to inquire concerning him.

When she found him apparently dead, she began a treatment, chaffing and rubbing, which soon resulted in the apparently dead man coming to life. The circumstances are told with full detail in this article in the old issue of the Congregationalist, and somewhat remarkable thing is that, though this minister was conscious all through the period of his trance and knew what was happening around him without being able to give any sign and though he understood, of course, that he was likely to be buried alive, he had during his trance a remarkable experience of the presence of the Saviour who had brought to him a great peace of mind that he had not always experienced during his time of wakeful consciousness.

Reminder of Miracles

Probably it is records such as this that constitute the background of New Testament stories of raising from the dead. They caught at least a remnant of the prosaic and captious critics, who distrust the stories of the miraculous, of the wonders of the

Gray, pastor, Sunday school at 9:45. Josephine Lee, superintendent. Classes for all. A good place to send the children and a good place to count. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, as these services are farewell services of the pastor, there will be much special singing, and all will be able to take part. The class leader, H. E. Lee, will lead the testimony service. The entire service of the day will be in the nature of a farewell for the pastor. There will be young people's meeting at 7 p. m., led by Rosa Rivers. You will like these young people, and can take part and help here. At 7:45, Roy Pugh will have charge of the song service. There will be several special songs including a trio, a duet and some solos. The pastor desires to invite all her friends to this farewell day and wishes to thank all for all they have done for her during her stay here. She asks that all come and bid her Godspeed, bring the ladies and come to this "home" church. Evangelist Sadie McVey will be in charge of the services. The outgoing pastor will give a short talk and will not fail to make this your home church. Come just as you are. A hearty welcome awaits you at the friendly place. The Free Methodist camp meeting will convene in Roseburg in connection with the conference, and will begin on June 11, and everybody is invited to go and tent on the grounds.

First Unitarian.

East Eleventh avenue at Ferry street. Morning service at 10:45 with sermon by the pastor, Frank Fay Eddy. Sermon topic: "Heroic Strains to Which Man Responds," a consideration of certain great themes which stand out in human history. The soloist at this service will be Barbara Edmonds, soprano. The church school meets at the close of the morning service.

First Christian.

Oak and Eleventh streets. E. V. Stivers, pastor. Sunday will be a high day on the history of this church. It is Baccalaureate day for Eugene Bible university. Dr. Morton L. Rose, a former pastor of the local Christian church is the preacher. The many who know him in this city and vicinity will be present to hear him Sunday, and to greet him and Mrs. Rose once again. Mr. Rose has been one of the outstanding ministers on the Pacific coast for the past 25 or 30 years. We welcome him back to Eugene. In the evening the senior class has charge of the services. A program will be given, picturing the growth of the school from its opening to the present time, covering the 30 years of its history. This will be especially interesting. President E. C. Sanderson is to be congratulated on the wonderful work he has done in the field of education, preparing young people for the ministry of the word of life, some of whom will be given to the school at 7 o'clock. It will be a great day from that service to the close at the evening hour. Visitors are coming from all over the Pacific coast to attend these services. At the morning hour, 19 young people are to be ordained to the ministry of the word of life, some as ministers of the gospel, others as missionaries and special Christian workers. We extend an invitation to those interested to attend.

Fairmount Christian.

Bible school session at 9:45 Sunday morning, but this will be the only service of the day. The Fairmount church is uniting with the First Christian church for both morning and evening services, because of the E. R. U. commencement exercises. Regular services at usual hours in Fairmount church next Sunday, however, R. L. Dunn, minister.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Corner of Twelfth and Oak street. Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock; Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The reading room at room 312 McMorran and Washburne buildings, corner of Eighth and Willamette streets, is open daily, except Sundays and legal holidays, at all hours. The subject of the lesson sermon for Sunday is Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias, Mesmerism and Hypnotism. Denounced. All are cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

Grace Lutheran.

Corner Eleventh avenue East and Ferry street. R. Trautmann, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Divine service 11 a. m. with sermon on the subject: "God's Pentecostal Gift, the Spirit of Light and Life." The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon, 2 in the parsonage, with Mrs. Trautmann as hostess. Y. P. S. Friday evening, 7:45.

First Congregational.

Ered J. Clark, minister. Sunday school 9:45; sermon 11 a. m., sermon by Dr. Bruce Giffen; sermon 8 p. m. by Dr. H. A. Wheeler. Tuesday, June 2, the Ladies' Aid society meets at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Frank Tripp, 789 Eleventh avenue west.

Eugene-Springfield Free Methodist.

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High streets. Subjects: When Did Man Become a Living Soul? What Constitutes a Soul? Animals also are souls but have no promise of a resurrection. The redemption was provided for man. Second lesson, The Jewish Nation is the only nation or kingdom God ever recognized. What relationship if any, has it to the Gentile governments?

Emmaus Lutheran.

On Second avenue west near Blair boulevard. Henry Iverson, pastor. Sunday school at ten o'clock. Miss Camilla Anderson, superintendent. Preaching service in the Danish language at 11 a. m. and in the English language at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Fairmount Presbyterian.

Villard and Fifteenth. Interest in the work of the church is growing, and more people are seeking to make our church a greater service to the community. Sunday morning, the theme of the sermon will be "The Prodigal's Father." The Bible school meets at 9:45 and you will find a class suited to your requirements. Friday evening the men of the church are going to give a dinner to which all are invited. We have some excellent "cheer" talent and we desire you to get the benefit. The Christian Endeavor will meet with Mrs. Winterberger on the River road. A 200 per cent attendance is desired.

First Baptist.

Corner of Eighth and Pearl streets. Charles E. Dunham, pastor. Arsh Hoyt Rae, music director. Bible school meets at 9:45. W. R. Lord, superintendent. Morning worship is at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach the sermon. His subject being: "God Our Refuge." Special music for the morning is an anthem "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" (Combs). Solo and obligato by Alberta Carson, Quartet, "Son of My Soul" (Parker). The young people's societies meet at 7 o'clock. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. This service will be one given to music. Favorite old hymns will be sung by the congregation. The pastor will tell a story related to each hymn. Every one enjoys this kind of service. Come thou with us and we will

do thee good. Thursday night prayer and conference meeting at 7:30.

Church of God.

Third and Monroe streets. Mamo Dischner, pastor. Bible school, 10 a. m. E. A. Fogles, superintendent. A. H. Hark, assistant. Preaching service 11 a. m. pastoral sermon. Young people's meeting 7:35 p. m. Mildred Carlson, leader. Preaching service, S. P. evangelistic. Midweek prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p. m. All are welcome.

Modernist Policy Church Will Open

NEW YORK, May 20.—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. Harry Fosdick, modernist, is to preach his first sermon in the Park Avenue Baptist church, the Rockefeller church, next Sunday, having accepted the call to be its pastor. The church will drop the word "Baptist" from its name, using it merely as a sub-title, and abandon the

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At The Churches Sunday

Trinity Lutheran.

Center Sixth and Pearl streets. Gust Skilleved, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Ruth Gilbertson, superintendent. Be on time as the school on Sunday will have to be only 45 minutes. Services with communion in Scandinavian 10:30 a. m. The evening services at 8 o'clock in English. The Ladies' Aid meets at the home of W. Peterson, 735 west Seventh avenue on June 4 from 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Gustafson are joint hostesses. The pastor will be absent two Sundays as he is going to the church convention in St. Paul, Minn. On Sunday, June 24, he will preach in Scandinavian in the morning and English in the evening. On Sunday, June 28, confirmation and communion from 10:30 a. m. In the afternoon from 8 the pastor will give an farewell sermon as he enters upon his new field of work July 1. He will devote all his time in the interest of the Lutheran Brotherhood. He will likewise continue to be the pastor of the Spruce Creek Lutheran congregation. Those who go east to the church conventions and to the reunion of the Norwegians will leave Portland on the N. P. Ry. on June 3, at 8 p. m.

Ebbert Memorial Methodist.

Memorial Sunday will be observed at the Ebbert Memorial Methodist church in Springfield, at the 11 o'clock hour, next Sunday. Not only will this be a general Memorial day service, but special recognition will be taken of the members of our families who have departed during the year, their names being called, and floral tributes in their memory presented. The children are especially invited to bring some simple floral tributes. The pastor, F. L. Moore will speak briefly on "Let Us Forget." At the Fireside hour of 8 p. m. there will be special features, followed by a short sermon. School meets at 9:45 with Mrs. Ida Gantz as superintendent. Epworth league gathers at 7 p. m. On the evening of June 4 Bishop Shepard and Dr. Dean, the western representative of the home board will spend the evening with the Springfield church.

Life. The quartet will sing, "The Homeland" (Sullivan) at this service. Junior Endeavor at 4:30; Westminster league at 7 o'clock; Senior C. E. S. will hold their regular meeting up the McKenna. Prayer meeting Thursday evening, the pastor leading. Lesson "Prodigal—Prevention and Rescue." Like Luke 15:16. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend these services and to join with us in helping to carry on the work of the kingdom.

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Central Presbyterian.

Center Tenth and Pearl. Rev. A. H. Saunders, minister. Prof. John B. Hefert, choir director. Mrs. Ruth Davis Cleaver, organist. Sunday services promptly at 9:45. A happy inspirational service under the direction of Mr. H. A. Saults, general superintendent, efficient assistant officials and capable teachers. You will enjoy the hour spent in our school Sunday morning, joining in the song service and benevolent Bible study with the body of members who are regular attendants. Morning worship at 11 o'clock with the pastor bringing the message, showing for "The Kingdom of God is Within You" and "The Kingdom of God is Within You." "These Are They" is sung by the large chorus choir and Mr. Saults' solo, "How Long Will I Forget Me" (Speaks) will be a special musical number. The school at 10 o'clock with the pastor speaking on "The Kingdom of God is Within You."

First Methodist Episcopal.

J. Franklin Haas, minister. Church school at 9:45. Our's is a thoroughly departmentalized school, with splendid leadership and equipment for all departments. Young people's devotional meetings as follows: High school Epworth league at 7 and Wesley club at the same hour. Good programs and fine fellowship characterize these meetings. Pastor's morning sermon at 11 o'clock. "The Well in the Valley." The evening sermon will be at 8 o'clock on the theme "Some Memorial Day Reflections." John Stark Evans announces special music for the day as follows: Morning at 11 o'clock, "The Well in the Valley" (Anthem, "The Reconciliation" (Devoe) Mrs. McGrew and choir; solo, "Khaki Lad" (Aylward) Mr. Bryson.

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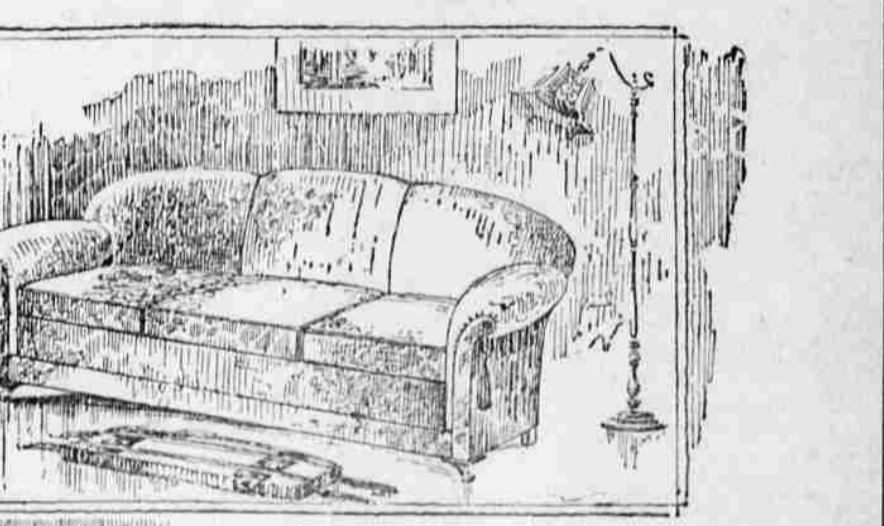
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