

# RESURRECTION STORIES - TABITHA 3-15-2026

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March 11, 2026



**9:30 Heritage Service Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**ACTS 9:36-43 NKJV**

## **RESURRECTION STORIES IN THE BIBLE**

1. Widow of Zarephath's Son - I Kings 17:17-22
2. Shunammite Woman's Son - II Kings 4:18-37
3. Man Raised in Elisha's Grave II Kings 13:20-21
4. Jesus - Matthew 28
5. Lazarus of Bethany - John 11
6. Jairus's Daughter - Mark 5:41
7. Widow's Son of Nain - Luke 7:14
8. Tabitha (Dorcas) - Acts 9:36-42
9. Eutychus - Acts 20:7-12
10. Saints at the Crucifixion - Matthew 27:52-53
11. Church (Dead in Christ) - I Thessalonians 4:14

## **THERE IS ONLY *ONE RESURRECTION* THAT PROVIDES SALVATION TO THE LOST**

1. The death and RESURRECTION of Jesus provides salvation
2. But, each account of RESURRECTION included (cannonized) in the Word of God has a STORY to tell every one who READS and HEARS the Story
3. Over the next few weeks, we will read and study some of the above stories to try to find out what God intended for us to receive from them

### **Tabitha (Dorcas)**

1. Tabitha was her Aramaic name. Dorcas was the Greek translation. Both names translate to “Gazelle,” a term often associated with grace and beauty.
2. Luke introduces Tabitha by calling her a disciple.
  - a. Unlike the other disciples, Tabitha (Dorcas) isn’t as well known throughout Scripture.
  - b. Unlike Peter and John, Tabitha was not part of the “Inner Circle” of Jesus.
  - c. There is not powerful story of her being in chains at the midnight hour, or seeing the cripple at the gate asking alms...
  - d. But, Tabitha/Dorcas had a powerful ministry in Joppa
3. Tabitha/Dorcas was “always doing good and helping the poor”
  - a. She was faithful to her calling. Faithful to her ministry. Not achieving the notoriety of “fame” others had
  - b. She made beautiful clothes for the poor. Perhaps, even using her own funds to do so...
  - c. As she provided the physical needs for the poor, she ministered to their spiritual needs.
  - d. Tabitha led many to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
4. Tabitha fell ill and died
  - a. They prepared her body and layed her in an Upper Room
  - b. The widows stood by her bed weeping and holding fast to the tunics and garments she had made.
  - c. Their hope was gone. Their friend was gone. The ministry was gone.
5. They heard that Peter was near by.

## Peter

1. Peter is my man... A blue collar, working fisherman who accepted the call to follow Jesus.
  - a. Peter would say things others only thought
  - b. Peter was not just called as a Disciple, but was part of the “Inner Circle” (those closest to Jesus).
  - c. Peter recognized Jesus as the Christ, Son of the Living God
  - d. Peter was chosen by Jesus to Build His Church upon
  - e. Peter walked on water
  - f. Peter was the self-appointed “protector” of Jesus - cutting off the ear of the Roman Centurion
  - g. Peter messed up - denying Jesus three times
  - h. Peter was filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room
  - i. Peter preached the first sermon - 3,000 added to the church
  - j. Just the shadow of Peter falling on the sick would bring healing to their bodies
2. Peter is summoned BACK to the Upper Room
  1. This time, he would not tarry for an anointing from on High
  2. This time, he would not stay for ten days
  3. This assignment was different
3. Peter does not delay - He heads to his “God Assignment”
  1. Peter (like Jesus had done) clears the room
  2. Peter knelt down to pray. Oh, if we could hear that prayer...
  3. Listen to the authority in his voice: “Tabitha arise”
  4. She (Tabitha) opened her eyes, saw Peter and sat up.
  5. Peter helped her up and then presented her “Alive” to the widows and onlookers

**NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION SPREAD  
THROUGHOUT JOPPA AND MANY BELIEVED ON THE  
LORD!**

**TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MINISTRIES  
WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING SOULS TO THE**

## KINGDOM OF GOD!

1. Tabitha had a ministry of helps and ministered by winning the hearts of the community by using her talent to make clothes and tunics which she gave to those who needed.
2. Peter went from city to city preaching and teaching Jesus - laying hands on the sick.
3. When the two came together, God showed up in RESURRECTION POWER AND AUTHORITY.
4. Old Testament Example - Cherubin on top of Ark of Covenant overlooking the Mercy Seat
  - a. Facing each other
  - b. Wings touching from opposite ends
  - c. God showed up in the middle
5. Example: R.C. Sproul - Billy Graham
  - a. R.C. Sproul was staunch Calvinist
  - b. Billy Graham was Armenian
  - c. The two religious faiths had some diabolical opposite beliefs
  - d. During a question and answer service session in Nashville, Sproul was asked if he believed he would see Billy Graham in heaven, given their significant theological differences.
  - e. The answer -

