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Acts of The Apostles - 10



July 8 – Acts 10:1- 13

July 15 - Acts 10:14-23

July 22 – Acts 10:24-35

July 29?– Acts 10:36-48

Acts of The Apostles - 10

- **Location: Caesarea and Joppa**
- **Time Period: Approximately 10 years after the ascension of Jesus.**
- **Purpose: To provide an opportunity for salvation to the Gentiles.**
- **Observation: *God continues to take the Church beyond it's comfort zone.***

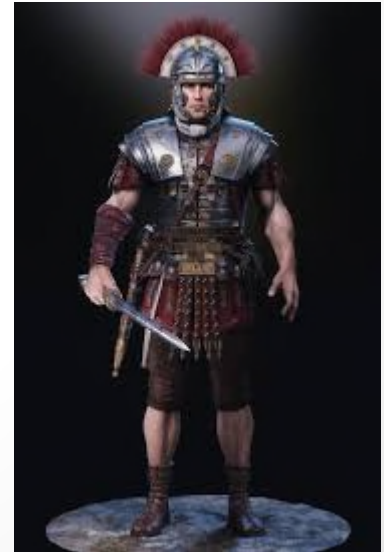
The Gospel Advances

Caesarea Maritima –





- Coastal port city - 65 miles northwest of Jerusalem.
- Built by Herod the Great between 25 and 13 B.C. in honor of Caesar Augustus.
- A busy commercial center and important travel destination.
- This city's harbor and aqueduct were very advanced for it's time.

Cornelius –


- A Roman Centurion – *Italian Regiment*
- Devout Man
- Feared God - *God-fearer*
- Gave alms generously - *Prayed always*



Peter - A Ministry Tour *Acts 9:32-11:1*

-  Peter's route from Jerusalem to Lydda
-  Peter's route from Lydda to Joppa
-  Peter's route from Joppa to Caesarea
-  Peter's route from Caesarea to Jerusalem


About 35 miles

Caesarea  *<- Cornelius' House*


Peter raises Dorcas from the dead ->

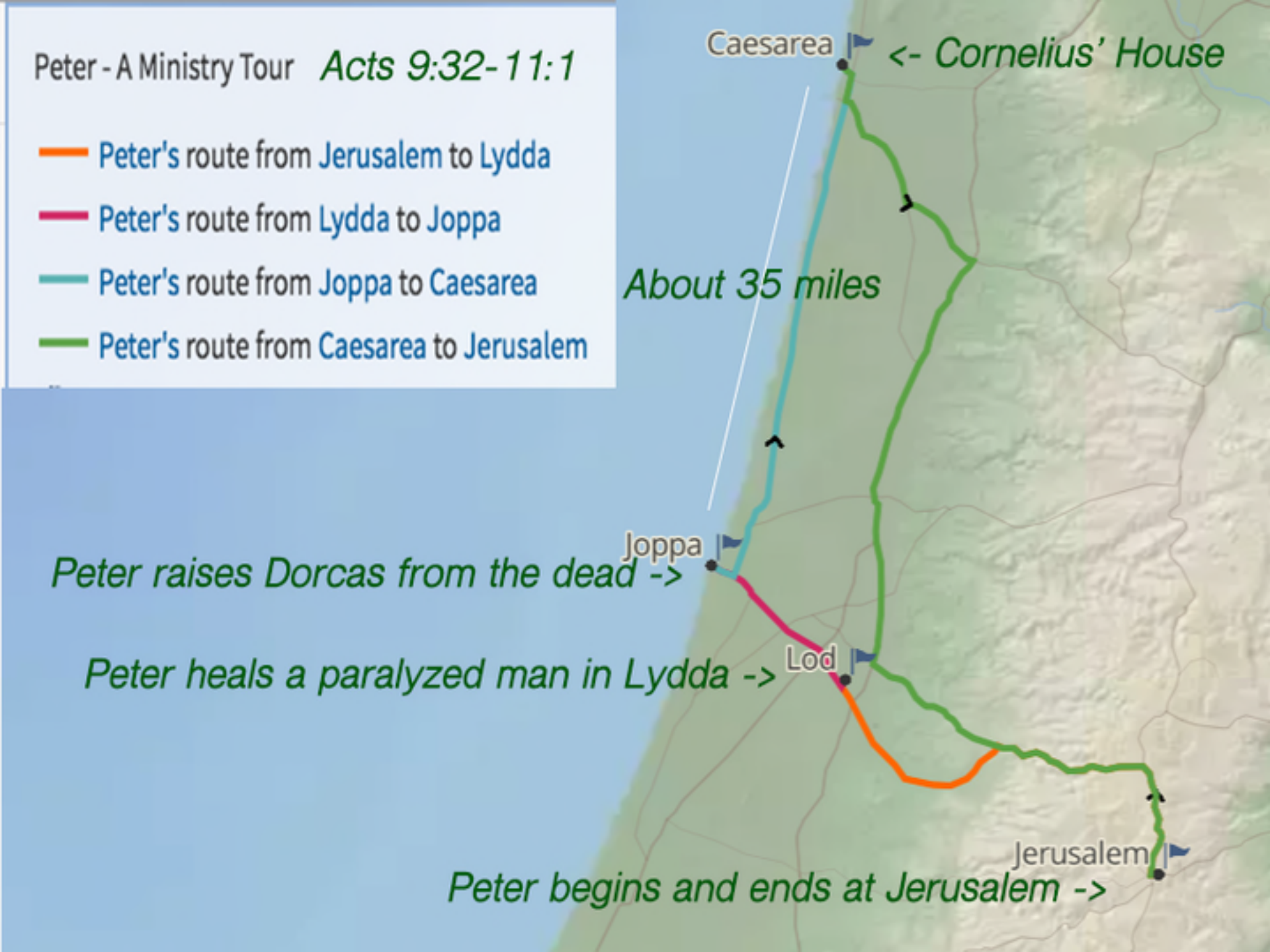
Peter heals a paralyzed man in Lydda ->

Peter begins and ends at Jerusalem ->

Joppa 

Lod 

Jerusalem 



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- Afternoon prayer - **Cornelius'** vision
- God knew his name – *confirmation*.
- God hears and God sees – *confirmation*.
- Peter is requested for another assignment
- Simon, the tanner – converted animal skins to leather.
- Peter will then instruct Cornelius



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- Cornelius sends his men
- Lunchtime prayer – **Peter's** vision
- God was preparing both Cornelius and Peter according to His plan.
- What animals are clean vs. unclean? – **Lev. 11**



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Types of Clean animals – Lev. 11

- 1) Land animals - that have a split hoof & chews the cud
- 2) Sea creatures - that have fins & scales
- 3) All birds with the exception of – eagle; vulture; red or black kite; raven; owl; gull; hawk; osprey; stork; heron and bat (*see Lev.11:13-19 for complete list*)
- 4) Insects – locusts; katydid, cricket and grasshopper.

Acts of The Apostles – 10:14-23

Peter's Dilemma



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- Peter reverts back to “no”. [Matt. 16:22](#), [John 13:8](#).
- *Culture and Christianity*
- 3 times for emphasis. *We don't always get it the first time.*
- Peter begins to question himself. *An opportunity for growth.*
 - *Have I been doing things wrong?*
 - *Is God trying to test me?*
 - *What is He trying to tell me?*
- Cornelius's men arrive and God's plan continues to move forward.
- It's all good because, “*I have sent them.*”



Peter's Dilemma

- Peter introduces himself.
- Revelation, confirmation and an invitation in accordance with God's will.
- Cornelius is waiting to hear what Peter has to tell him.
Being available and trusting God.
- Peter invites these **Gentiles** to stay overnight rest in preparation for their upcoming trip.
- Our Relationship with God should impact our relationship with men and women.



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Acts of The Apostles – 10:24-35

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- 2-Day journey to Caesarea. *Trusting during a time of uncertainty.*
- Cornelius is eagerly anticipating Peter's arrival.
- *Tell me about a time when you were so excited about what God was about to do.*
- *Misplaced worship*
- *Legal discrimination*
- What are some of our borders and barriers?
- **God provides clarity –**
 - Peter realizes that his vision was about more than food
 - No one is unclean
 - The Lord is in charge of this mission
- **Ask the question, and listen!**



Trusting God - During Times of Uncertainty

- Cornelius explains to Peter why he sent for him.
- They all are in the present, and in God's presence.
- **Peter has received a Word from the Lord?** [Gal. 3:28](#)

Galatians 3:28

There is neither: Jew nor Greek
There is neither: Slave nor Free man
There is neither: Male nor Female

For you are all one in Christ Jesus



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Acts of The Apostles – 10:36-48

Peter Preaches the Gospel



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- The Word of God, is available for ALL of the people of God!
 - ✓ *No partiality*
 - ✓ *Every nation*
 - ✓ *He is Lord of all*
- Cornelius, *you already know.* [Luke 4:14](#)
- *The 3 in 1. (The Godhead)*
- We are witnesses. *Effectively telling others about Christ.*
- The **Holy Spirit** engages with Cornelius and his household.
- *Accepting the gift of salvation.* [Rom. 10:9-10](#)
- *Receiving the gift of The Holy Spirit.* [1 Cor. 12:4-11](#)
- Can you deny their baptism?
- Peter is asked to stay!

Final Thoughts & Questions

1. In Peter we see some vulnerability but also, availability.

2. How can you use the truth that we discussed in Acts 10 to better serve the Lord ?