

Acts 9:36-43

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³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. ³⁷About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, “Please come right away!” ³⁹Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive. ⁴⁰Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God’s holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. ⁴²The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. ⁴³Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

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¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures...

leads me beside still waters, ³restores my life...

leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord’s name.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil...

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...

you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

John 17:20-26

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²⁰“I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. ²¹I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. ²²I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. ²³I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me. ²⁴“Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, even the world didn’t know you, but I’ve known you, and these believers know that you sent me. ²⁶I’ve made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them.”