

Readings for the week of May 8, 2022

### **Acts 9:36-43**

#### **Dorcas raised to life**

I wonder if the intent was for Peter to raise Dorcas from the dead when the disciples sent for him?

It doesn't say in this passage.

It just says the disciples knew that Peter was in Joppa and they sent for him to come right away.

Dorcas was already dead and the custom was to bury her immediately, (once she was washed and anointed).

The scriptures tell us that she was a disciple, she was a woman of good works and charitable deeds. She was well loved and her works were shown by the widows. Perhaps, when Peter came to the Upper room where she was laid, something stirred within him. He knew Jesus first hand. He saw Him raise the dead! He knew death had been conquered through Christ!

In Verse 40 we read ... But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the **body** he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

### **Psalm 23**

**The LORD is my shepherd;** (My sheep hear My voice) ... I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters. (Rev. 7:17)

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

(Death was but a valley of the shadow of death for Dorcas)

I will fear no evil; for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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

You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness, and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **Revelations 7:9-17**

For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will **shepherd** them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And GOD will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever).

### **John 10:22-30**

#### **The Shepherd knows His sheep**

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And **I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish**; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are One.”

I finish up with the word our brother Paul said in Roman 8:38 and 39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our LORD.

AMEN!