

**JESUS REMAINS THE SIGN
OF TRUE GREATNESS**

- *Where do you see the greatness of God today?*

- *The greatness of His Creation*



How did I get here from there?

- *Jesus first miracle*
 - *Where He called us to be all in*
 - *The greatness of His calling of each of us*



How did I get here from there?

- *3 years with Jesus*
- *Death on a cross? What?*
- *The greatness of His sacrifice*



How did I get here from there?

- *Do you really love Me?*
- *Feed my sheep!*
- *The greatness of His grace*



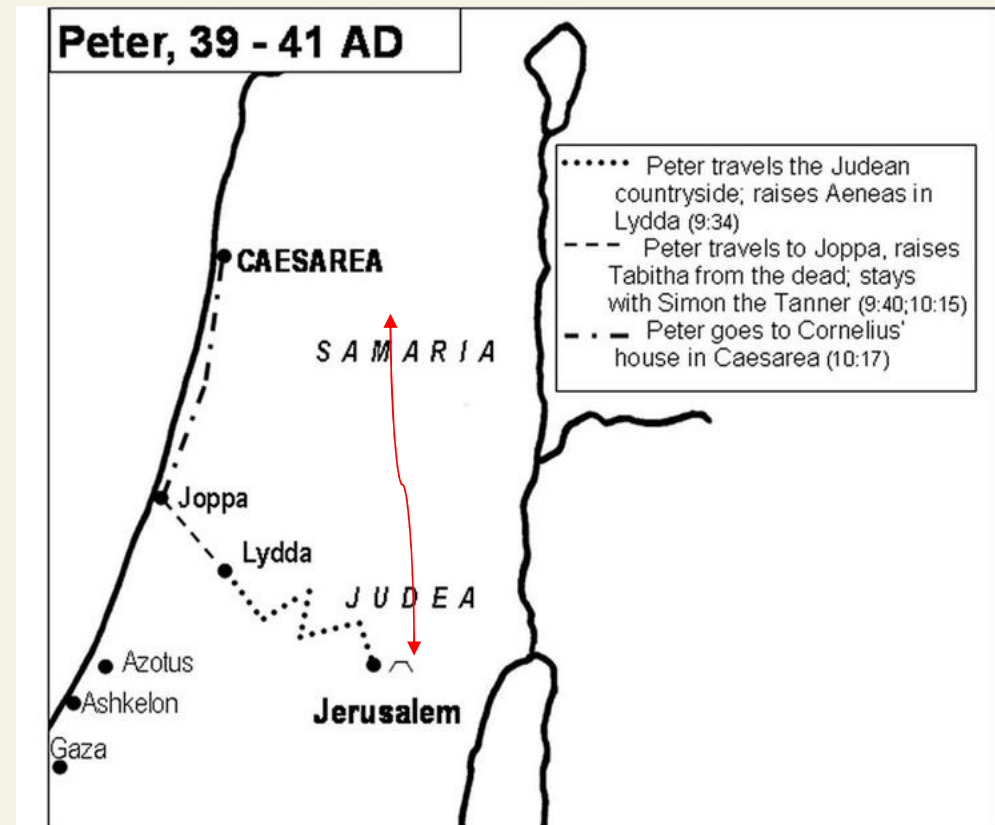
How did I get here from there?

- *Empowered by the Spirit to serve*
- *The greatness of His Name*



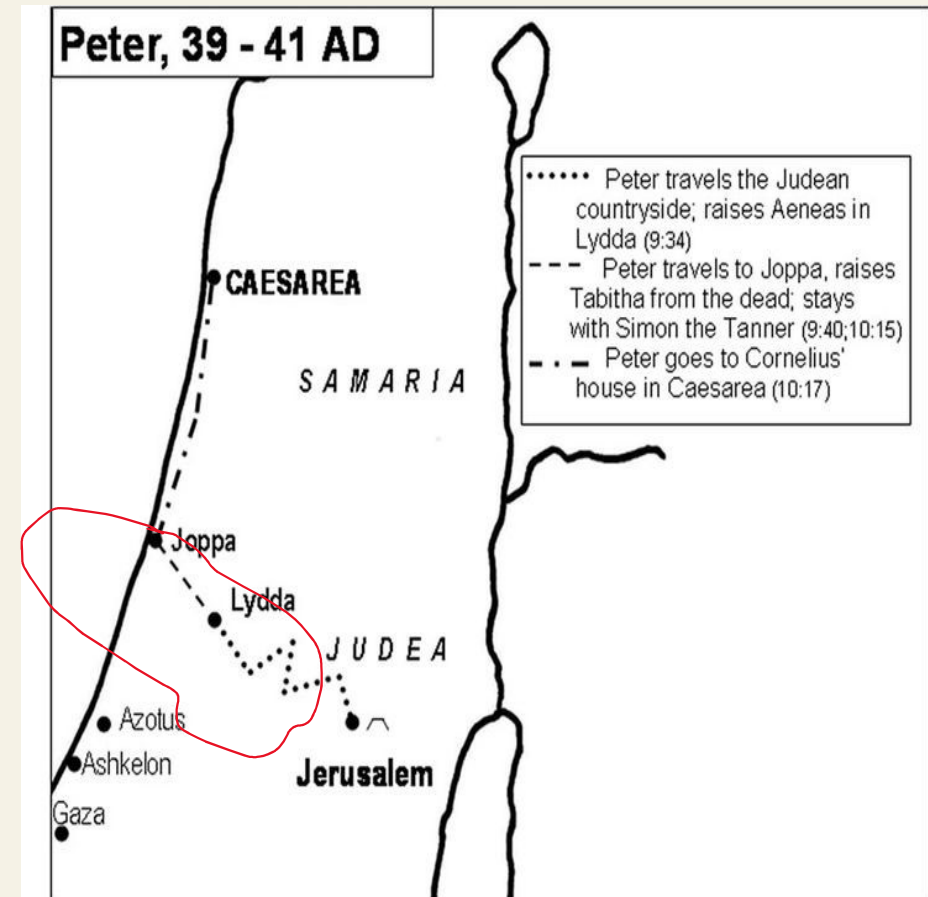
How did I get here from there?

- *Judea & Samaria with John*
- *The greatness of His Mission*



To Lydda and Joppa

- *Out of Jerusalem*
- *The road to the Gentiles*
 - *Two great miracles*
 - *The two who were healed*
 - *Peter's learnings*
 - *The expansion of the gospel reach*
- *The greatness of His salvation to all who believe*





Lydda



31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

32 As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda.

33 There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years.

34 "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and tidy up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.

35 All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Aeneas enabled to walk

- *Hellenistic Jew by his name*
- *Likely a saint by context*
- *Paralytic for eight years, bedridden*
- *Jesus Christ heals you*
- *Results are astounding*
 - *All in Lydda and Sharon*
 - *Jews and Gentiles*
 - *All found the Lord!*



Joppa

36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.

37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

38 Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive.

42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

43 Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Tabitha resurrected from death

- *Disciple of Jesus*
- *Cherished for her good works*
 - *Among the poor, widows*
- *Disciples sent two men to Peter*
- *Peter's prayer*
- *Presented to the believers and widows*
- *Astounding results*
 - *All over the town*
 - *Many believed in Jesus*



Peter stays with Simon the Tanner

- *Peter, feed My sheep*
- *All of them*
 - *Jerusalem, Judea, World*
 - *Women and men*
 - *Jew and Gentile*
 - *I died for all*
- *Wherever you find them*
- *Whatever they are doing*



Where is Our Lord leading us to today?

- *Creation, Calling, Grace, Sacrifice, Forgiveness, Salvation, Holy Spirit, Mission*
- *Providence of God of particular spiritual work*
- *Sovereign empowerment of the Spirit as we serve*