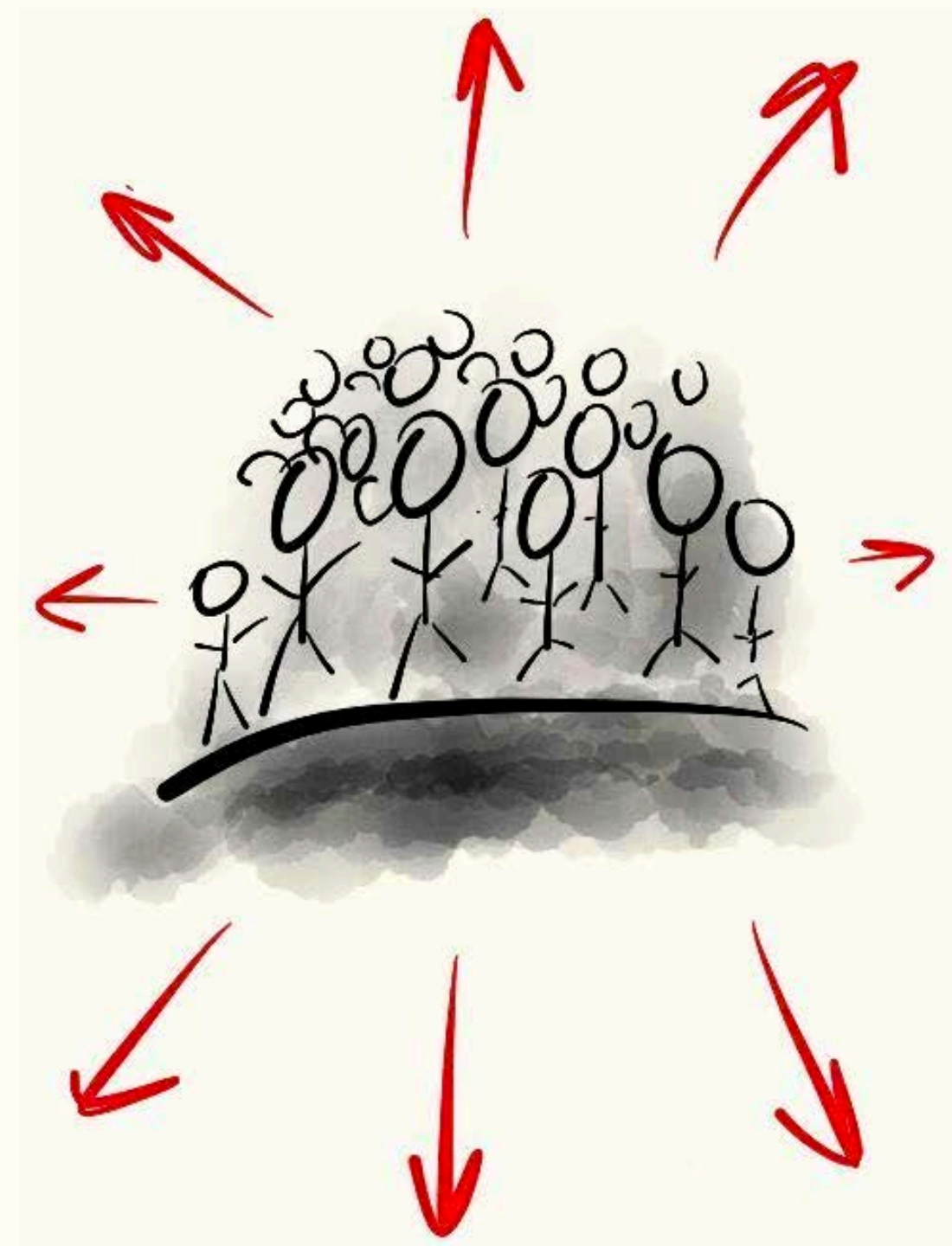
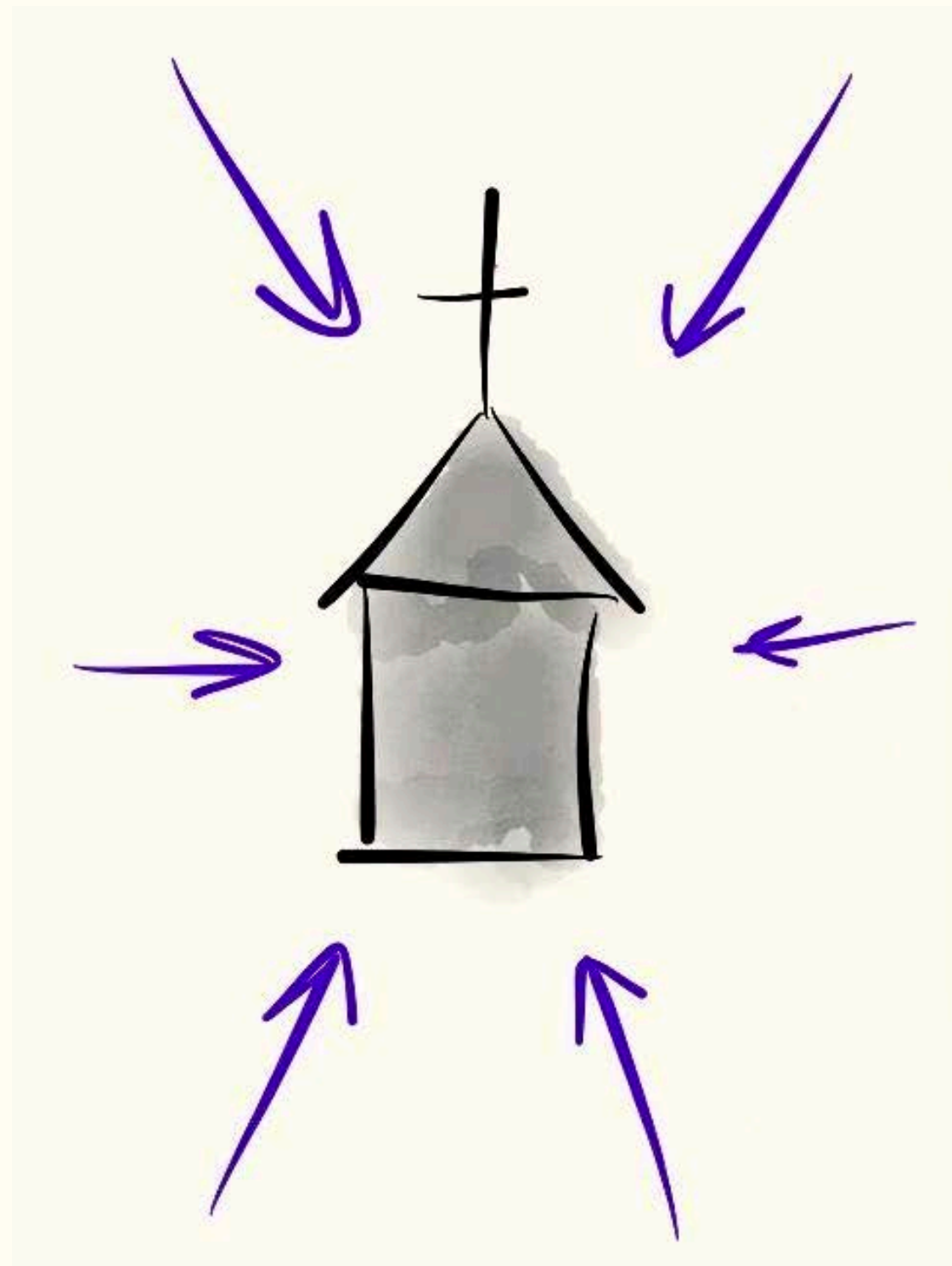


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So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

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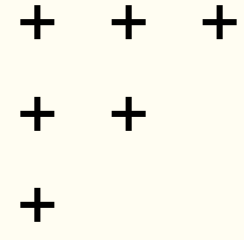
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Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he also came down to the saints who lived at Lydda.<sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas who had been bedridden for eight years, because he was paralyzed.<sup>34</sup> Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your own bed.” Immediately he got up.<sup>35</sup> And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

ACTS 9:32-35 NASB 2020

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ACTS 9:36-39 NASB 2020

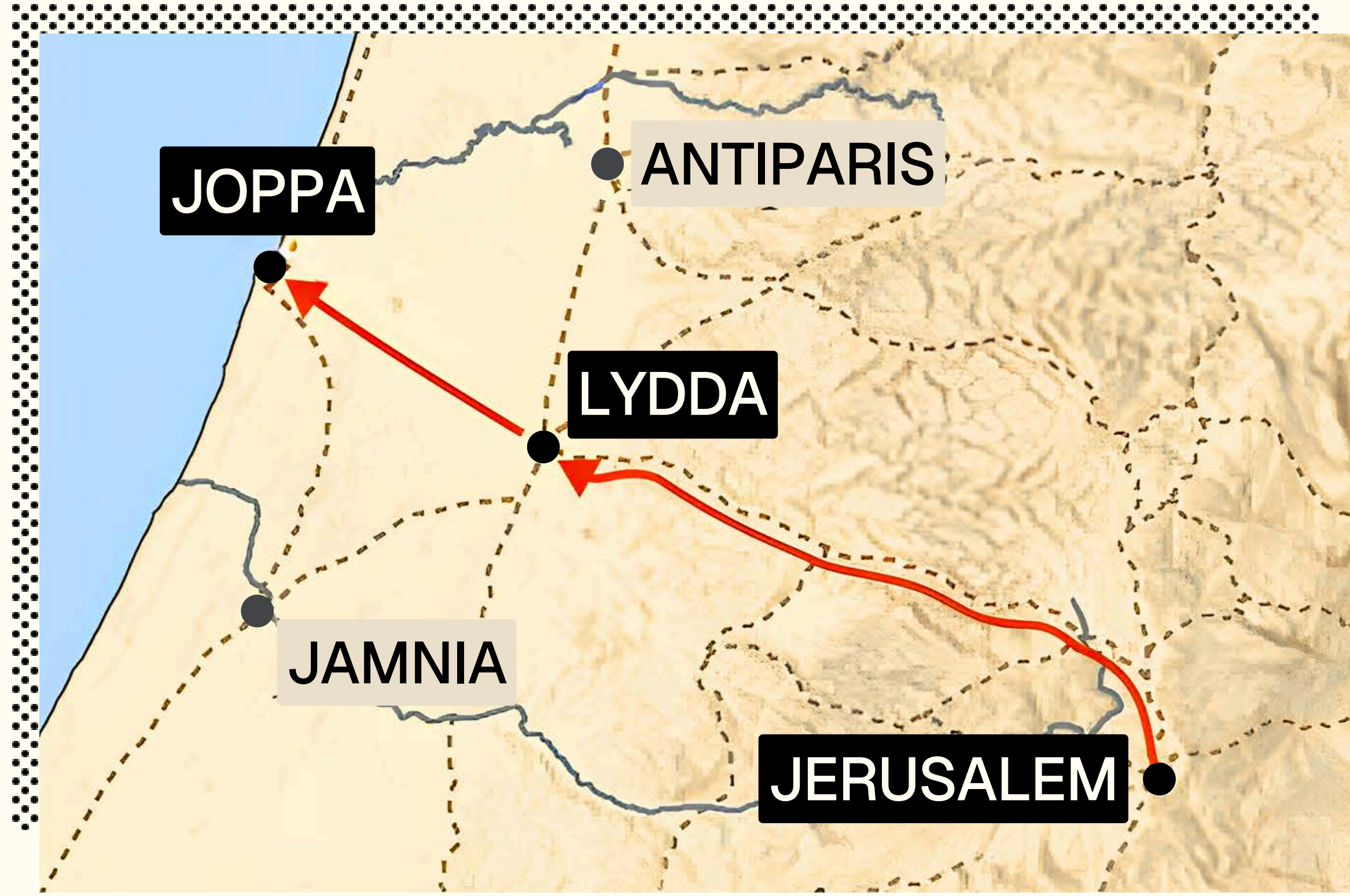


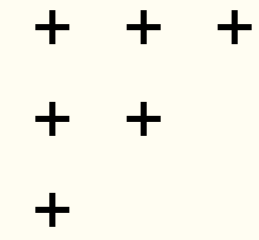
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But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.<sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.<sup>42</sup> It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.<sup>43</sup> And Peter stayed in Joppa many days with a tanner named Simon.

ACTS 9:40-43 NASB 2020

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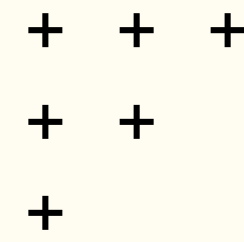


# Acts of the Spirit

The miracle of Peter healing Aeneas (9:32-35)

Tabitha's life and ministry (9:36-39)

The miracle of Peter raising Tabitha (9:40-43)



# Both Miracles

DONE AMONG “SAINTS”

- + Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he also came down to the **saints** who lived at Lydda.

ACTS 9:32

- + And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the **saints** and widows, he presented her alive.

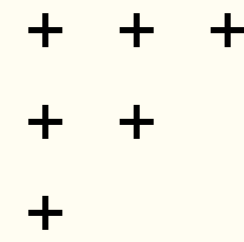
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“Become what you are” is a radically different perspective from “Stop being what you are.” Even when Paul goes negative, he tends to say, “Stop being what you aren’t,” He reorients how we see ourselves as **saints**. That reorientation needs to begin with how we see one another.

- PAUL MILLER, “A PRAYING CHURCH”



# Both Miracles

DONE AMONG “SAINTS”

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- + Peter said to him, “Aeneas, **Jesus Christ heals you**; get up and make your own bed.” Immediately he got up.

ACTS 9:34

- + But Peter sent 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.

ACTS 9:40



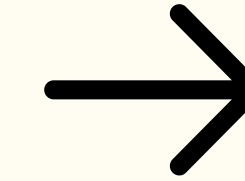
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He (Jesus) said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, **get up, and pick up your stretcher, and go home.**” <sup>25</sup> And immediately he got up before them...

LUKE 5:24B-25A NASB2020

Taking her by the hand he (Jesus) said to her, “**Talitha cumi,**” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”

MARK 5:41 ESV

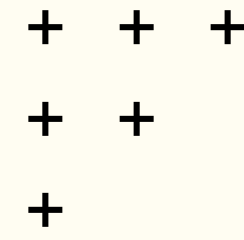


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ACTS 9:34 NASB2020

But Peter... said, “Tabitha, arise.” (**Tabitha, cumi.**) And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up...

ACTS 9:40-41A NASB2020



# Both Miracles

DONE AMONG “SAINTS”

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GLORYIFY JESUS & HIS GOSPEL

- + And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, **and they turned to the Lord.**

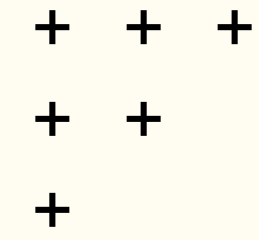
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- + It became known all over Joppa, and **many believed in the Lord.**

ACTS 9:42



**THE GOSPEL IS A PERSON!**



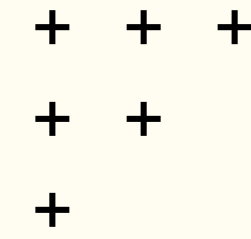
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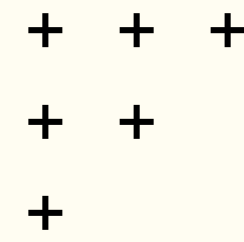
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