

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

ACTS – PART FOUR

Lesson 26

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Background

- Luke's Second Scroll / Book
- Investigation & 1st Hand Account
- Backwater Town to World Capital

Acts of Peter

Entrance of the Gentiles

Acts 9:32-12:24

April -
May 33

c.33

c.35



Conversion
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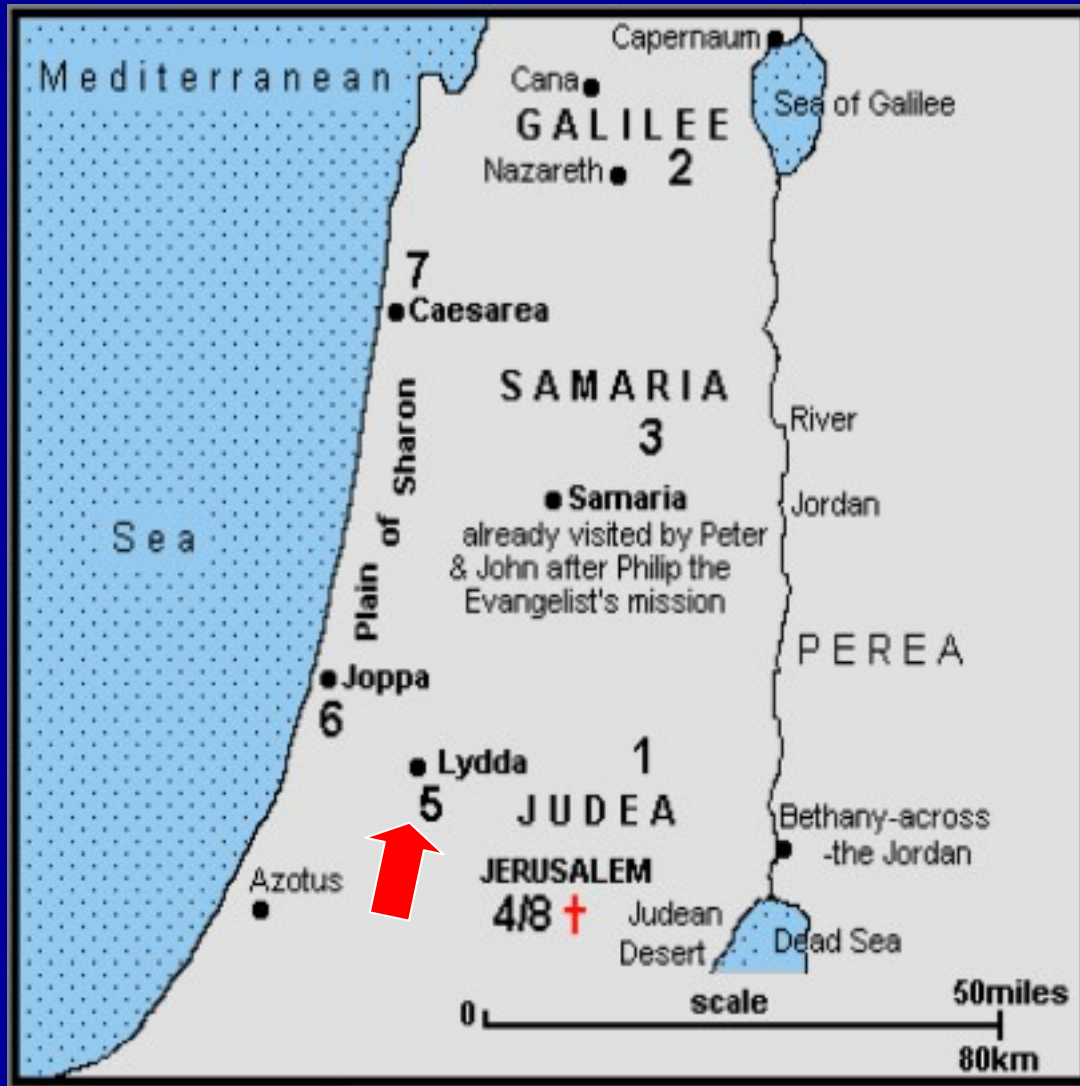
Paul's 1st
Visit to Jer.

Death
of
Herod
Agrippa

Context

- Saul is Sent to Tarsus
- Church Throughout Judea, Galilee, Samaria
- The Church “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.” (9:31)

Peter - The Itinerant Preacher



Travels visiting
“Saints” (αγιος -
“those set apart”)
(9:32)

Peter in Lydda

- Aeneas Bedridden 8 Yrs.
- “Jesus Christ Heals You”
- A Number “Turned to the Lord”

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From Lydda to
Joppa

Peter in Joppa

- Tabitha (Dorcas) - Gazelle
 - Acts of Kindness - Helping Poor
 - Dies
- Friends Summon Peter
 - On his Knees
 - Tabitha Raised

Post - Tabitha

- More Believers
- Peter Stays With Simon the Tanner
 - Unclean Occupation
 - By the Sea

Cornelius (Acts 10)

- Cornelius
 - Centurion
 - God Fearing
- In Prayer - An Angel Appears

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“Yours Prayers and gifts to the Poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner whose house is by the sea.”

Cornelius



Cornelius

- Sends 3 ASAP
- Noon the Next Day ...
 - Peter Hungry on the Roof
 - The Vision (3x)
- “Do not hesitate to go with them”

Cornelius

- A Longer Journey Back ... With Friends
- Peter Enters
- Who Goes First???
- “I now know how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and does what is right.” (10:34-35)

Cornelius

- The Message
- “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
(10:43)
- The Holy Spirit Comes
- Baptism Follows

Peter Explains

- “When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him... ‘You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them!’” (11:3)
- Peter explains
- “When they heard this they had no further objections...” (11:18)



The Church in Antioch



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Antioch

- “The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” (11:26)
- Re-enter Paul (Saul) With Barnabas
- Famine - Return to Jerusalem

Showdown in Jerusalem

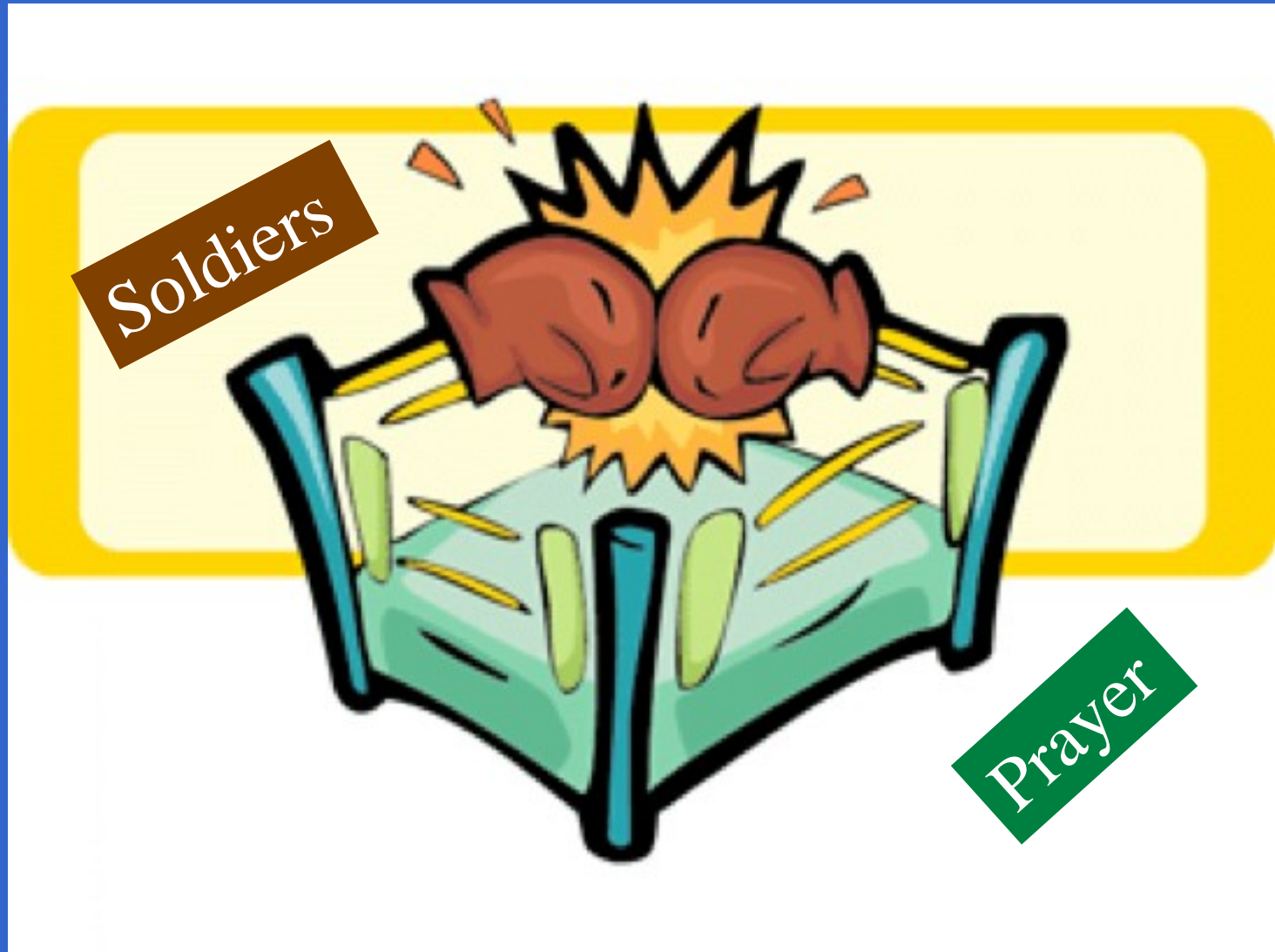
- μὲν ... δε (*men ... de*)
“On the One Hand ... On the Other Hand”
- James Put to Death (Mk 10:39)
- Peter Arrested
 - 4 Sets 4 Guards

In This Corner...



In This Corner...

And In This Corner...



Showdown

- Night Before Trial
- The Escape
- Rhoda - Patron Saint of ...
- And the Winner is ...

One More

- One Last μεν ... δε
- On One Hand ... Herod
- On the Other Hand ... The Word of God
- And the Winner is ...

“The word of God continued to increase
and spread.” (12:24)

Points for Home

1. All People are God's Creation.
2. God's Love Has No Borders.
3. God's Hand Moves Surely.
4. Prayer Wins.
5. Nothing Can Stand in God's Way.