

Joppa / Jaffa
By Faith Peter Responded
(Jonah 1) & (Acts 10)

Joppa (Greek) – OR – *Jaffa* (Hebrew) referred to today as *Yafo*.

- The Hebrew meaning for Jaffa is *Beautiful*.

NOW... AS WE KICK-OFF OUR TOUR...

- We're going to explore many things...
 - As we make our way to the Sea of Galilee.
 - And you'll create memories that last for a lifetime.
 - **This is exciting!!!**

ALSO...

- We'll learn... some **simple**... *faith-lessons* to encourage us...
 - In our walk with Jesus.

~ TEACHING ~

NOW... here at Joppa we can learn from two very different responses...

- That came from men... called by God.

1st = O.T. Observation: (Jonah)

Starts with Jonah...

- Who Resisted what God wanted to do.
 - ⇒ He thought he could escape the presence of God.

(Jonah 1:3) NLT

“Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port city of Joppa... found a ship... bought a ticket... got on board... hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish.”

⇒ Jonah thought he could escape the call of God.

- Jonah went DOWN to Joppa.
- Jonah went DOWN to the lowest part of the ship.
- Jonah laid DOWN and went to sleep.

He told the sailors, *“He was running away from the Lord.”* (Jonah 1:10) NLT

⇒ But... in the end, Jonah realized he needed God.

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(Jonah 2:1)

“Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish.”

Understand: Jonah didn't deny his affiliation with God...

- He denied his assignment from God & ran away.
 - ⇒ And innocent people were being hurt (the sailors).

 - ⇒ And it took a brush with death for him to turn back.
 - (Jonah 1:17 & 2:1).

ON THE OTHER HAND...

In (Acts 9:32 – 10:13-17).

- The conditions of ministry (Acts 9:32)

- The locations of ministry = Lydda & Joppa

- The people impacted by ministry =
 - ⇒ Aeneas (Acts 9:32)
 - ⇒ Tabitha / Dorcus (Acts 9:36)
 - ⇒ Cornelius (Acts 10:1)

These are real lives that were changed...

- From a decision of faith made right here!

2nd = N.T. Observation: (Peter)

Peter – Responded to God by faith @ Simon the Tanner House (Acts 10:32b).

- Peter was given a vision & wrestled with God (vv.13-17)
 - ⇒ (He looked **UP** to God in prayer)

- Peter obeyed God (vv.19-21)
 - ⇒ (He got **UP** and went with Cornelius' men)

- Peter shared Jesus with the Gentiles (vv.32-36)
 - ⇒ (He went **UP** to Caesarea)

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~ IN CLOSING ~

(Rom. 1:16) NLT

“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work saving everyone who believes - the Jew first AND also the Gentile.”