

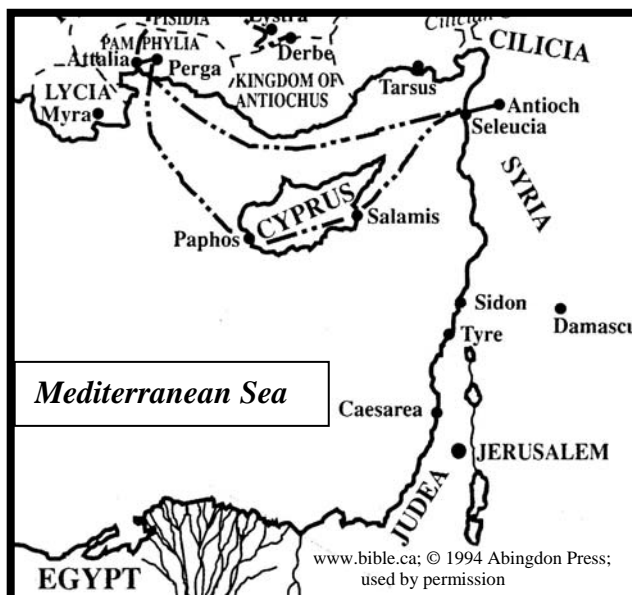
Power to Witness in Word and Deed

The Book of Acts

Acts 9:19b–31

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1. Acts chronicles Saul's travels after his conversion on the road to Damascus. On the map, trace Saul's 900-mile journey (for locations see 19b, 26, 30).
2. What do we know about Saul that makes the time he spent with the disciples in Damascus shocking? (8:3; 9:1–2)



3. After Saul's conversion he immediately begins preaching the gospel (9:20). Saul's earlier zeal for Judaism and contempt for Christians make him seem an unlikely candidate to do this, but how had God uniquely prepared Saul for just this purpose? (22:2b–5, 14–15; Phil. 3:3–6; * 17:2–3)
4. In verse 20 Saul preaches that Jesus is the Son of God; in verse 22 he proves that Jesus is the Christ. Why are these two proclamations central to his message?
Son of God (Rom. 1:1–4; Heb. 1:1–3)

Christ (13:21–23, 32–39)

5. How do people initially respond to Saul's message? (v. 21)
6. Saul's preaching becomes more and more powerful.
 - a. What is he able to do? (v. 22b)
 - b. What effect does this have on his listeners? (v. 22a)

*The symbol indicates verses for further study.

7. Saul has preached in Damascus for an extended period of time. Instead of believing his message, what do the Jews there plan to do? (v. 23)

8. How is the plot to kill Saul foiled? (vv. 24–25)

9. After his escape, Saul travels to Jerusalem to get to know Peter (Gal. 1:18).
 - a. What kind of reception does Saul get when he arrives? (v. 26a)

 - b. Why? (v. 26b)

10. How does Saul gain the acceptance of the Jerusalem disciples? (v. 27)

11. How does Barnabas live up to his name in befriending and defending Saul? (4:36–37)

12. How do the Grecian (Hellenistic or Greek-speaking) Jews respond to Saul's bold proclamation of the gospel? (v. 29)

13. How is the second threat to Saul's life averted? (v. 30)

14. Why is Saul willing to leave his new friends and travel over six hundred miles back to his hometown of Tarsus (21:39)? (22:17–21)

15. What characterizes the church after Saul is sent to Tarsus? (v. 31)

16. Saul experienced dramatic changes in his life when he became a Christian. List some of these changes.

17. What changes have you seen Christ make in your life?