

ACTS 9; October 10; Persecutor Saul to Apostle Paul

ANALYSIS:

1. Why was Saul on a journey to Damascus? _____

2. What happened to Saul before he reached Damascus? _____

3. Whom did the Lord ask to speak to Saul, and what did Saul do after he could see? _____
4. What did Saul do at Damascus that caused the Jews to plan to kill him?

5. Name the two that Peter healed, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The conversion of a sinner rejoices the saints of God! God's mighty work is clearly seen in the supernatural transformation of Saul of Tarsus into Paul the servant of Jesus Christ. His former misdirected zeal, toward persecuting Christ's disciples in the church of God, was immediately channeled into preaching the faith he once destroyed. Paul remained thankful to Christ Jesus his Lord, to the end of his life, for putting him into the ministry, when he had before been a blasphemer, a persecutor and injurious, done in ignorance and unbelief. When the risen Christ revealed Himself to Saul the persecutor, his ignorance that Jesus was the Christ was replaced with faith and humble submission. His response was instant and truthful, "What wilt Thou have me to do!"

When the Lord speaks to you and me -- through preaching, reading our Bibles, hearing an exhortation from a brother, etc -- how do we respond to Him? Let us immediately and wholeheartedly answer: "I hear you, Lord; and I am obeying now!"

HELP:

1. He had secured letters from the high priest to the synagogues in Damascus to search for "any of this way," i.e. Christians, whom he might bring bound to Jerusalem (vs 1-2).
2. The Lord Jesus shone a light from heaven round about him, he fell on the earth, a voice called his name, Saul asked, Who art thou, Lord, and heard the answer, I am Jesus. Saul yielded himself to the Lord. He was blind and had to be led into the city (vs 3-8).
3. Ananias. Saul was baptized and received food (v 17-19).
4. He preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God, proving that this is the very Christ (vs 20-22).
5. Aeneas, sick 8 years with the palsy (vs 33-35); Dorcus, who had died (vs 36-41).