



So What Are We Going To Do Now?

Acts...Now It's Our Time – Part 5

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Acts 8

(v. 1) *And Saul was there, giving approval to his death (Stephen). On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.*

(v. 2) *Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.*

(v. 3) *But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, Saul dragged off men and women and put them in prison.*

Acts 9

(v. 1) *Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest...*

(v. 2) *...and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.*

(v. 3) *But as Saul neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.*

(v. 4) *He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, WHY do you persecute me?"*

(v. 5) *"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," He replied.*

(v. 6) *"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."*

(v. 10) *In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"*

(v. 11) *The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying."*

(v. 13) *"But Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem."*

(v. 14) *"And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest ALL who call on your Name."*

(v. 15) *But the Lord said to Ananias, "GO! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my Name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel."*

(v. 19b) *Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.*

(v. 20) *At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.*

(v. 21) *All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't HE the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this Name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"*

(v. 22) *YET – Saul grew more and more powerful – and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.*

Bad things happen to good people –

- **But God is still God.**
- **And God still loves us.**

I Corinthians 15:1-10

Here's what you need to know:

- **Christ died for your sins.**
- **He was buried.**
- **He was raised.**
- **And He appeared.**