

Acts: O Church, Arise!
March 29, 2026 – Acts 9:19-31
From Persecutor to Preacher
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Reflections
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Saul in Damascus (vv.19-25)

Saul in Jerusalem (vv. 26-31)

CONCLUSION:

Interpretation Questions

1. Why do you think Saul began preaching immediately rather than waiting?
2. What does Saul's experience teach us about the cost of following Christ?
3. Why was Barnabas willing to trust Saul when others were hesitant?
4. What does verse 31 teach us about how churches grow?
5. How do "fear of the Lord" and "comfort of the Holy Spirit" work together?

Application Questions

1. In what ways has Christ visibly changed your life?
2. Are you open about your faith like Saul, or more reserved? Why?
3. Have you experienced opposition because of your faith? How did you respond?
4. Is there someone in your church who needs a "Barnabas" encouragement, advocacy, or support?
5. Are you more motivated by fear of people or fear of the Lord?
6. What practical steps can we take as a group to foster both reverence for God and reliance on the Spirit?

Next Week: Acts 9:32-43