



Acts: To the Ends of the Earth

Acts 9:19b-31

Introduction

1. Saul becomes a gospel witness in Damascus
2. Saul becomes a gospel witness in Jerusalem

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❖ Acts 9:19b-22

1. God's work is AMAZING!

- ❖ Ephesians 2:1-3—you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
- ❖ Galatians 2:20—I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2. Saul proclaimed Christ “Immediately”

3. Saul proclaimed Christ as “The Son of God”

- ❖ John 20:31—so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, **the Son of God**, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

What is doesn't mean: Arianism

- ❖ John 1:1—In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...
- ❖ John 1:14, 17—And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- ❖ John 10:30—I and the Father are one.

Son of God means that Christ perfectly obeyed the Father

- ❖ John 8:44—You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.
- ❖ John 4:34—My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.
- ❖ John 5:19—Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.
- ❖ John 6:38—For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.



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Son of God means that Christ is the “Only Begotten” of the Father

- ❖ John 1:14—*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of **the only Son from the Father**, full of grace and truth*
- ❖ John 3:16—*For God so loved the world that He gave His only **begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (NKJV)*
- ❖ Job 1:6—*Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them*

4. Saul grew more powerful

Saul becomes a basket case

❖ **Acts 9:23-25**

❖ **Acts 9:16**

Saul becomes a gospel witness in Jerusalem

❖ **Acts 9:26-30**

1. The same pattern

- A hesitation to receive Saul
- A friend to vouch for Saul
- Saul becomes a gospel witness
- Saul experiences severe persecution

2. The importance of people like Ananias and Barnabas

The unified, peaceful, holy, Spirit-filled, growing Church of Jesus Christ

❖ **Acts 9:31**