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Acts 9:1-19



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“It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, among whom I am foremost of all.”

- 1 Timothy 1:15

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- He was blinded, prayed and fasted for three days (Acts 9:8-9, 17).

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**(Acts 22:14-15; 26:16-18)**



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And the Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, **and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him**, so that he might regain his sight.”

- Acts 9:11-12



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But Ananias answered, “**Lord, I have heard from many about this man,** how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

- Acts 9:13-14



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But the Lord said to him, “**Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine**, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake.”

- Acts 9:15-16



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So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, **“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”** And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; and he took food and was strengthened.

- Acts 9:17-19

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