



Paul's Preaching

Saul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-18



Saul's Early Ministry

Acts 9:19-31



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- “Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that the Jesus is the Christ” (vs. 22).

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- Acts 9:24-25

Saul's Early Ministry

- **When he came to Jerusalem,** he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

- Acts 9:26





Saul's Early Ministry

- “But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.”

- Galatians 1:15-18

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- “In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me, and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and so escaped his hands.”

- 2 Corinthians 11:32-33





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- Upon his return to Damascus, the Jews began persecuting and plotting to kill him.



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- If it wasn't for the help of disciples, Saul's ministry would have ended prematurely.

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- After escaping from Damascus, Saul made his way to Jerusalem.



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- Barnabas is a key character in Acts.



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- Saul began working with the brethren in Jerusalem (vs. 28).



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- After traveling down to Caesarea, Saul sailed to Tarsus (vs. 30).

Paul's Second Journey

Outbound ———
Return ———



Saul's Early Ministry

- So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

- Acts 9:31



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- He received revelation from the Lord (Galatians 1:12).



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- His critics frequently challenged his apostleship (2 Corinthians 11).



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