



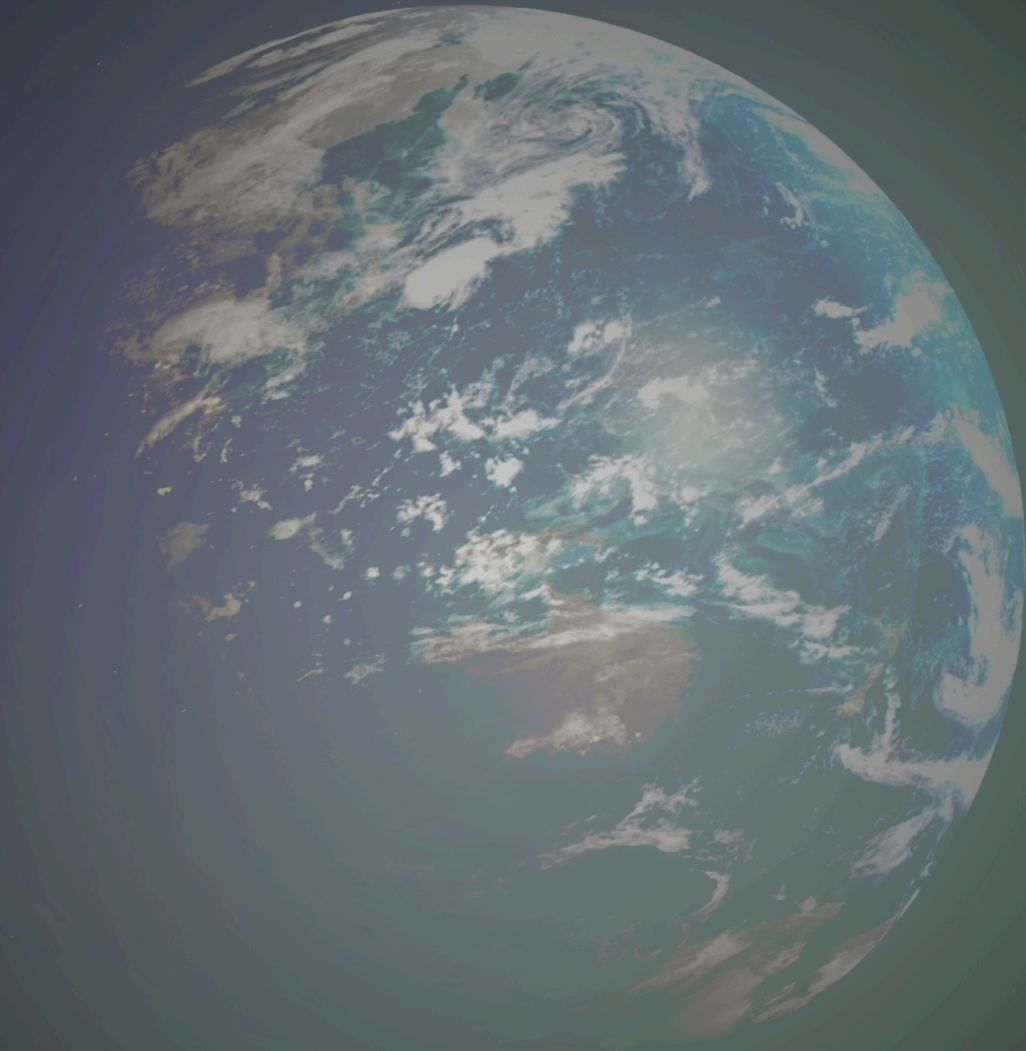
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THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

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Acts 9:1-30



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But Saul, still
breathing threats
and murder against
the disciples of the
Lord, went to the
high priest

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Acts 9:2

and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:2

Mediterranean Sea



Jerusalem

SYRIA

Damascus

ARABIA

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Luke 19, a parable



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Luke 19:27

“... these enemies of mine,
who did not want me to
reign over them...”

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Acts 9:3

Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

Acts 9:4

And falling to the ground,
he heard a voice saying
to him, "Saul, Saul, why
are you persecuting me?"

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Acts 9:5

And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

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Acts 9:6

“But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

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Acts 9:7

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

Acts 9:8

Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

Acts 9:9

And for three days he
was without sight, and
neither ate nor drank.

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Acts 9:10

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

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Acts 9:11a

And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul,

Acts 9:11b-12

“for behold, 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.”

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Acts 9:13

But Ananias answered,
“Lord, I have heard from
many about this man, how
much evil he has done to
your saints at Jerusalem.”

Acts 9:14

“And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”

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Acts 9:15

But the Lord said to him,
“Go, for he is a chosen
instrument of mine to
carry my name before the
Gentiles and kings and the
children of Israel.”

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Acts 9:16

“For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

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Acts 9:12a

So Ananias departed
and entered the
house. And laying his
hands on him he said,

Acts 9:12b

“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

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Acts 9:18a

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight.

Acts 9:18b-19a

Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

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Acts 9:19b-20

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Acts 9:21a

And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name?"

Acts 9:21b

“And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”

Acts 9:22

But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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Acts 9:23-24a

When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul.

Acts 9:24b-25

They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to
live a godly life in Christ
Jesus will be persecuted

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Acts 9:26

And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

Acts 9:27

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:28

So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.

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Acts 9:29

And he spoke and
disputed against the
Hellenists. But they
were seeking to kill him.

Acts 9:30

And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Acts 9:26-30

• Tarsus

Mediterranean Sea

SYRIA

• Damascus

• Caesarea

• Jerusalem

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