

Acts 9

Chapter Guided Discovery

Acts 9 traces Saul from enemy to witness and shows the risen Christ giving life through His church.

Scripture Spotlight

Acts 9:20
Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.



CHAPTER SUMMARY

Acts 9 shows Saul traveling to arrest believers, meeting the risen Jesus, receiving help from Ananias, and beginning to preach Christ. Barnabas helps the church receive him. The chapter closes with Peter healing Aeneas and raising Tabitha, leading many in Lydda, Sharon, and Joppa to the Lord.



CORE TRUTH

Jesus can stop a fierce enemy, turn him into a faithful witness, and strengthen His church through ordinary obedient servants who pray, welcome, heal, serve, and point others to Him.



DID YOU KNOW?

Damascus was far from Jerusalem, which shows Saul's campaign was not a quick errand. Later, Peter stayed in Joppa with Simon, a tanner, a detail that quietly prepares readers for the next chapter's wider gospel doorway.



QUICK TAKEAWAY

- Jesus confronts Saul and claims His persecuted people as His own.
- Ananias obeys even when the assignment feels frightening.
- Barnabas helps a changed man be received by the church.
- Peter's miracles point whole communities to the Lord.

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

WORD BANK

Damascus Ananias Barnabas Aeneas Tabitha Joppa

1. Saul was traveling toward _____ to arrest followers of Jesus.
2. The Lord sent _____ to visit Saul and pray for him.
3. _____ helped the apostles hear Saul's story in Jerusalem.
4. Peter found _____ in Lydda, paralyzed for eight years.
5. _____ was known for acts of service and care for others.
6. Many people in _____ believed after Peter raised Tabitha.

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MATCH IT

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| Saul | A. A disciple in Damascus sent to Saul |
| Ananias | B. A man healed in Lydda |
| Barnabas | C. A believer who welcomed Saul before the apostles |
| Aeneas | D. A woman raised in Joppa |
| Tabitha / Dorcas | E. The former persecutor changed by Jesus |
| Simon the tanner | F. The Joppa host where Peter stayed |

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What was Saul planning when he headed to Damascus?
A. Deliver money to poor believers
B. Arrest followers of Jesus
C. Visit Peter in Joppa
D. Study with Barnabas
2. What did Saul do soon after regaining strength?
A. He taught publicly about Jesus in the synagogues.
B. He returned to the high priest for more letters.
C. He hid permanently in Jerusalem.
D. He stopped speaking about faith.
3. How did Saul escape Damascus?
A. By hiding in a boat
B. By slipping through a tunnel
C. By being lowered from the wall in a basket
D. By riding away with soldiers
4. What happened after Peter prayed for Tabitha?
A. She sat up alive.
B. The widows left the city.
C. Saul returned to Damascus.
D. Aeneas stayed bedridden.



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PUT IN ORDER

- _____ Saul preaches about Jesus in Damascus.
- _____ Peter raises Tabitha in Joppa.
- _____ Saul receives letters to search for believers.
- _____ Barnabas brings Saul to the apostles.
- _____ Ananias prays for Saul and receives him as a brother.
- _____ Peter heals Aeneas in Lydda.



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TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ 1. Saul was on his way to Damascus when Jesus confronted him.
- _____ 2. Ananias was eager at first because Saul had never harmed believers.
- _____ 3. Saul began speaking boldly about Jesus after his conversion.
- _____ 4. The disciples in Jerusalem immediately trusted Saul with no hesitation.
- _____ 5. Aeneas had been bedridden for eight years before Peter commanded him to rise.
- _____ 6. Tabitha's life had blessed the widows in Joppa before she died.

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SHORT ANSWER

1. Why might Ananias have been afraid to visit Saul?
2. How did Barnabas help Saul after others were afraid?
3. What do Aeneas and Tabitha's miracles show about Jesus?
4. How does Acts 9 show the church growing through both suffering and peace?



NOTES & THOUGHTS



PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season I Will...



PRAYER PROMPT

Ask the Lord to make you humble like Saul after he met Jesus, obedient like Ananias when the task felt hard, encouraging like Barnabas, and useful like Tabitha, so your life points others to Christ.



REMEMBER

The risen Jesus can transform enemies into witnesses and use faithful servants to strengthen His church.