

**Saul's Encounter**  
**Lesson #2**  
**Acts 9:1-31**

1. Chapter 9 begins with the word "*meanwhile*." So while the gospel was being spread by believers like Philip, "*meanwhile*" what was Saul doing? (Acts 9:1a)
2. Using Acts 9:1b, 2:
  - When Saul decided to take action, to whom did he go for authorization?
  - What did Saul ask for?
3. After obtaining what he'd asked for, Saul began traveling north. What took place as he was almost to the city of Damascus?
  - Acts 9:3
  - Acts 9:4a
  - Acts 9:4b
4. Saul was confused and wondered who the voice belonged to. He respectfully asked "*Who are you, Lord?*" What was the surprising identity of the voice? (Acts 9:5b)
5. There was no discussion at this point; Saul had a lot to learn. What was Saul instructed to do? (Acts 9:6)
6. Saul wasn't traveling alone. What was the reaction of the men with him? (Acts 9:7)
7. During the encounter, Saul had fallen to the ground. When he finally got up, what did he discover? (Acts 9:8a)
8. The men led Saul into Damascus where he waited three days for further instruction. What does Luke say about Saul during those three days? (Acts 9:9)

9. In the city of Damascus, there was a disciple of Jesus named Ananias who was about to be sent on a very important mission. How did Ananias receive his instructions? (Acts 9:10)
  - What were his instructions? (Acts 9:11)
10. The Lord told Ananias that Saul had been praying. What did the Lord say he had revealed to Saul in his prayer? (Acts 9:12)
11. What was Ananias' reaction to this unusual command of the Lord? (Acts 9:13, 14)
12. Although Ananias did not receive a direct answer to his concern, the Lord told him that Saul "*Is my chosen instrument.*" What did the Lord say Saul would do for "*My name*" meaning the name of Jesus of Nazareth? (Acts 9:15, 16)
13. Ananias did as the Lord instructed. Using Acts 9:17:
  - What did Ananias call Saul?
  - Who did Ananias tell Saul had sent him?
  - Why did Ananias say he had been sent?
14. How did Saul regain his sight? (Acts 9:18a)
15. What did Saul do once he was able to see again? (Acts 9:18b, 19)
16. To gain proper perspective on the time line of Saul's life, turn to Paul's own writing in the book of Galatians. After God called Saul and revealed his Son to him, what did Saul say that he did not do? (Gal. 1:15-17a)
  - What did Saul say that he did do? (Gal. 1:17b)

- How long did he stay? (Gal. 1:18a)
17. Saul returned and began preaching that Jesus is the Son of God. Where did he concentrate his preaching? (Acts 9:20)
- How was he received there? (Acts 9:21)
18. But Saul had been filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17) and *"Grew more and more powerful."* Why does it say that Saul baffled the Jews in Damascus? (Acts 9:22)
19. This went on for several days until the Jews finally conspired to kill Saul. How did they plan to capture him? (Acts 9:24)
20. But Saul learned of their plans. How was Saul able to get out of Damascus undetected? (Acts 9:25)
21. Using Acts 9:26:
- Where did Saul go after his escape?
  - To whom did he try to go?
  - Why wouldn't they welcome him?
  - What eventually changed Saul's situation? (Acts 9:27)
22. *"So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord."* Who did Saul speak to and debate with while visiting Jerusalem? (Acts 9:29a)
23. How was that received by them? (Acts 9:29b)

24. Once again the plans to kill Saul became known. It was with the help of the "brothers," fellow believers, Saul was taken to Caesarea. Where did he go from there? (Acts 9:30)
25. What was the most likely reason that he went there? (Acts 9:11)
26. Once Saul had become a disciple of Jesus and after leaving Jerusalem, what was Luke's summary related to the church in general? (Acts 9:31)