

Assignments on Acts 9

Read Acts 9 then answer these questions:

1. What individual do we read about in 9:1ff? Where did we read about him before?
2. What was he doing and where did he want to go – 9:2? (See a *map*.)
3. What two other passages record the events described in 9:1-19?
4. What did he see and hear as he got near the city – 9:4?
5. Who spoke to him – 9:5? (Think: In what sense was Saul persecuting Jesus?)
6. According to other accounts, what was the purpose of Jesus' appearance? (Think: What effect would this have had on Saul, considering his past belief and conduct?)
7. What did Jesus tell Saul to do – 9:6? (Think: Why didn't Jesus tell him how to be saved?)
8. What did the men with Saul experience during this time – 9:7? (Think: How do you reconcile this with the statements in other accounts?)
9. What problem did Saul have when he arose? How do we know he had the problem – 9:8? (Think: Why would Jesus place such a condition on Saul?)
10. What was Saul doing after he arrived in the city – 9:9?

11. Whom did the Lord send to Saul? How did the Lord speak to this man – 9:10?

12. Where did the Lord tell this man to go to find Saul – 9:11?

13. What was Saul doing at this time (v11)? (Think: What does this tell us about the idea that alien sinners should pray for forgiveness?)

14. What had the Lord revealed to Saul would happen – 9:12? (Think: Note the purpose of the laying on of hands. Did this act always give people miraculous powers?)

15. What had Ananias heard about Saul – 9:13,14? (Think: What is the point of this statement? How would you have felt in Ananias place?)

16. What reason did God give Ananias why he should do as he was told – 9:15,16?

17. How was this prophecy about Saul fulfilled?

18. What happened when Ananias found Saul – 9:17? (Think: Why call him “Brother Saul”?)

19. What happened to Saul and what did he do as a result of Ananias’ visit – 9:18?

20. **Special Assignment:** According to other accounts, for what purpose was Saul baptized, and what does this teach us about the necessity of baptism?

21. What did Saul do after his baptism – 9:20? (Think: What does this show about Saul?)

22. What effect did this have on the people – 9:21?

23. How effective was Saul's teaching – 9:22?

24. What did the Jews decide to do about Saul – 9:23?

25. How did he escape – 9:24,25?

26. **Special Assignment:** Compare what was happening to Saul at this time to what he had been doing before his conversion.

27. Where did he go and what did he want to do there – 9:26? (Think: What should we do about the church when we move to a new locality?)

28. How did the Christians react to him?

29. Who helped the church understand Saul, and how did he help – 9:27?

30. **Special Assignment:** When someone wants to become part of a local church, must we always accept him? Is it Scriptural for the church to investigate the person's background? Cf. Acts 18:27 and cross-references. What lessons can we learn?

31. What work did Saul do at Jerusalem – 9:28?

32. Why did Saul leave Jerusalem (9:29), and how did he leave (v30)?

33. Where did he go, and what do we already know about this place? (See a *map*.)

34. In what 3 regions did the church exist as listed in 9:31 (locate these on a *map*, and compare to Acts 1:8)?

35. Describe conditions in these churches. (Think: How did Saul's conversion affect these conditions?)

36. **Define** "edify," and list two other passages where the word is used.

37. Who is mentioned again beginning in 9:32, and where did he go (see a *map*)?

<p>38. Special Assignment: Define "saints," and list two other <i>passages</i> elsewhere that use the word. Who are saints according to the New Testament?</p>

39. Whom did he find there? What problem did the man have? How long had he had it – 9:33?

40. Describe the healing of this man – 9:34. (Think: What characteristics do we again see for Bible miracles?)

41. What effect did the miracle have on the people – 9:35 (see a *map* for these locations)? (Think: Again, what does this show us about the purpose of miracles?)

42. What two names are given for the disciple who died, and where did she live – 9:36 (see **map**)?

43. Describe the woman's character.

44. Do we know the woman really died? How – 9:37?

45. For whom did they send, and where was he at the time – 9:38?

46. When he arrived, what were people doing, and what did they talk about – 9:39? (Think: What can we learn about how we should react when Christians die?)

47. Describe the miracle that occurred – 9:40,41.

48. What effect did this have on the people – 9:42?

49. What characteristics of miraculous healings can we observe in this example?

50. List other examples of raising the dead in the Bible.

51. Application Explain some lessons Christian women can learn from Dorcas.
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