



Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus class for Sept 5, 2021

Acts Ch 9B-10A – Saul's initiation and Peter's Ministry

Acts Basic Outline

Six sections, each ending with a summary

- ✓ **Chapters 1-6:7** – Church in Jerusalem and Peter's preaching. Church growing and large number of Priests were coming to the Lord
- ✓ **Chapters 6:8-9:31** – Church spreading and growing in all Roman Palestine, and the martyrdom of Stephen. Churches multiplying in Galilee
- ✓ **Ch 9:32-12:24** – Conversion of Saul to Paul, the extension of the church into Antioch and Peter's reception of Cornelius the Gentile into the church
- **Ch 12:25-16:5** – The church is spreading in Asia Minor (Turkey) and the spreading of the Gospel in Galatia
- **Ch 16:6-19:20** – The church crossed the Med and spreads to Europe. Paul is starting churches in Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth
- **Ch 19:21-28:31** – Arrival of Paul in Rome and his imprisonment. Paul boldly proclaims Jesus Christ, and tells of the Kingdom

Acts Ch 9:1-26 a quick catch up

- Saul traveling to Damascus through Galilee
- Saul being struck by blinding light and a voice from heaven
- Saul asking who it was, and it was Jesus Himself
- Saul's mind reeling with the reality the Messiah had come, it was Jesus of Nazareth, the Jews missed it, Gamaliel was right, he had killed Stephen who was innocent...and on and on.
- He was struck Blind and was led by the temple guards, who heard the voice/sound to Damascus, but he was also converted to be a follower of Christ
- At the same time, Jesus is speaking in a vision to a disciple named Ananias in Damascus telling him to go, and minister to Saul, and Lay hands on him to cure him of his blindness
- Saul sees a vision of a man named Ananias coming to him
- It happens, Saul can see, and he spends days with the disciples in Damascus and is declaring Jesus is the Son of God to the local Jews
- Saul goes to Arabia to be alone with God and let the Holy Spirit teach him what God has called him to do and prepare him for it. He is there nearly 3 years
- He returns to Damascus preaching Jesus and the Jews plot to kill him and are watching the city gates
- He fellow believers lower Saul in a basket through a hole in the wall to safety and he flees to Jerusalem.
- While in Jerusalem, he attempts to be with the other disciples but all of them are afraid of him, this is where we left off.

Acts Ch 9:26-30. A leader steps forward

*²⁶ 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.***

*²⁷ **But Barnabas** took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.*

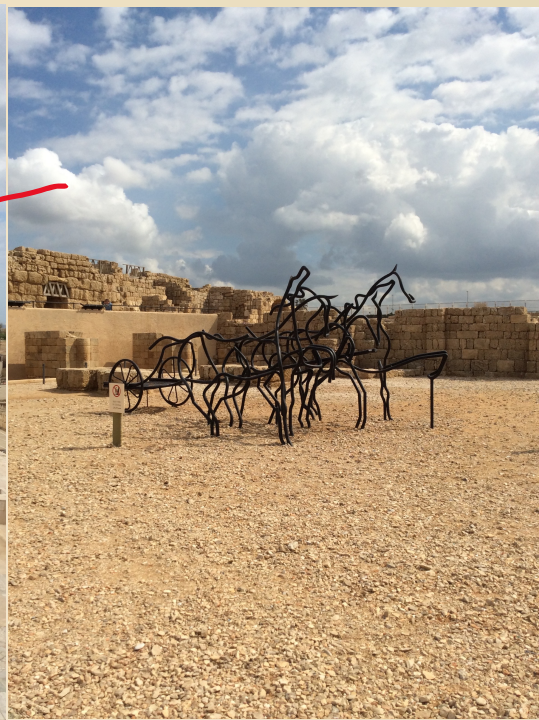
²⁸ And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

*²⁹ And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic Jews; **but they were attempting to put him to death.***

*³⁰ **But when the brethren learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.***



Caesarea



Acts Ch 9:31- 35 We switch from Saul to Peter

31 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.

*32 Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at **Lydda**.*

33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed.

*34 Peter said to him, “**Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed.**” Immediately he got up.*

35 And all who lived at Lydda, and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

Acts Ch 9 Peters Ministry starts



- Check out
 - Jerusalem
 - Joppa
 - Megiddo
 - Nazareth

Acts Ch 9: 36-42 Peter raises Dorcas to life

*³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); **this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did.***

³⁷ And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room.

*³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, **the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, “Do not delay in coming to us.”***

³⁹ So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them.

*⁴⁰ But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, **“Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.***

*⁴¹ And he **gave her his hand and raised her up**; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.*

*⁴² **It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.** ⁴³ And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.*

Acts Ch 10:1-8 A Centurion named Cornelius

10 Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort (battalion),

*2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household and gave many **[b]**alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually.*

*3 About the ninth hour (3pm) of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, **“Cornelius!”***

*4 And **fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed**, he said, **“What is it, Lord?”** And he said to him, **“Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.***

*5 **Now dispatch some men to Joppa and send for a man named Simon, who is also called Peter;***

*6 **he is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the sea.”***

*7 When the angel who was speaking to him had left, he summoned **two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were his personal attendants,***

8 and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:9-16 Holy things and Unholy things

*⁹ On the next day, **as they were on their way** and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour (noon) to pray.*

*¹⁰ But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but **while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance;***

*¹¹ and he saw **the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,***

*¹² and **there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.***

*¹³ A voice came to him, **“Get up, Peter, kill and eat!”***

*¹⁴ But Peter said, **“By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean.”***

*¹⁵ Again a voice came to him a second time, **“What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.”***

¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

Acts 10:17-21 Behold, behold, behold

*17 Now while Peter was greatly perplexed **in mind** as to what the vision which he had seen might be, **behold**, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, **appeared at the gate**;*

18 and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there.

*19 While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, **"Behold, three men are looking for you.***

20 But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself."

*21 Peter went down to the men and said, **"Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?"***

Acts 10:22-23 The plot thickens

22 They said, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was divinely directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and hear a message from you.”

23 So he invited them in and gave them lodging.

We will stop here for the day

Before next week

- *If you have not signed up for the Prayer and Fasting effort by FRC,*

Please do; you will get a prayer guide which is easy to follow

- *Our class list of needs*
- *Israel in this ever more hostile world*

A special time of thanks