

**ACTS 22:6-17**

<sup>6</sup> “As I was on the road, approaching Damascus about noon, a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone down around me. <sup>7</sup> I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’

<sup>8</sup> “Who are you, lord?’ I asked.

“And the voice replied, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, the one you are persecuting.’ <sup>9</sup> The people with me saw the light but didn’t understand the voice speaking to me.

<sup>10</sup> “I asked, ‘What should I do, Lord?’

“And the Lord told me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything you are to do.’

<sup>11</sup> “I was blinded by the intense light and had to be led by the hand to Damascus by my companions.

**PAUL DESCRIBED THE LORD'S APPEARANCE ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS (22:6-11)**

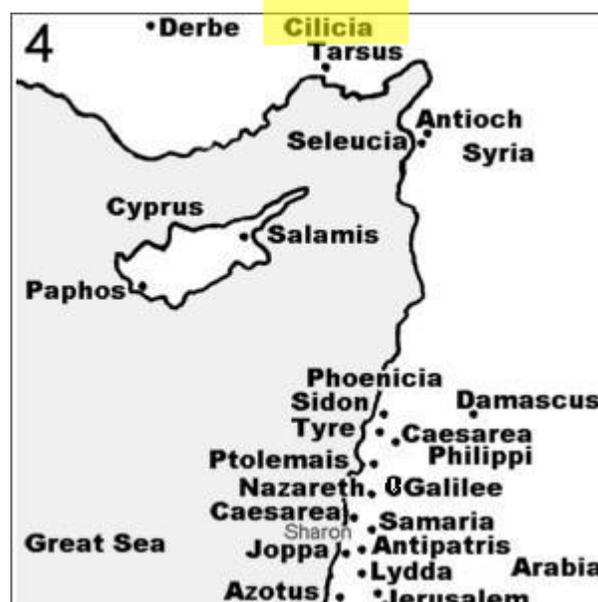
1. *At about noon, on the road to Damascus, a bright light shined around Paul.*

- a. *He fell to the ground.*
- b. *He heard Jesus ask him why he was persecuting Him.*
- c. *The Lord identified Himself as Jesus of Nazareth.*

2. *Paul asked the Lord what he should do*

- a. *Paul's traveling companions saw the light but did not hear the voice (or understand it).*
- b. *Paul asked, "What shall I do, Lord?"*
- c. *The Lord told Paul to go into Damascus and he would be told what to do.*
- d. *He was led by the hand into Damascus by his companions, because he could not see.*

*Prayer Time: [ ] COVID-19 God's Healing of [ ] TFC Connecting Outwardly [ ] Other:*



**PAUL DESCRIBED HIS OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL WHEN TAUGHT BY ANANIAS (22:12-16)**

<sup>12</sup> A man named Ananias lived there. He was a godly man, deeply devoted to the law, and well regarded by all the Jews of Damascus. <sup>13</sup> He came and stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your sight.’ And that very moment I could see him!

<sup>14</sup> “Then he told me, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and hear him speak. <sup>15</sup> For you are to be his witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup> What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.’

**1. Ananias came to Paul.**

a. He restored Paul's sight.

b. Ananias told Paul that he had been chosen to "*know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth*"

c. Paul was to be "*His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard*".

**2. Ananias told Paul what to do to be forgiven of his sins.**

a. He asked Paul, "Why are you waiting?"

b. "*Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord*". Acts 2:38

**PAUL DESCRIBED THE LORD SENDING HIM TO THE GENTILES (22:17-21)**

**1. The Lord spoke to Paul.**

a. Paul returned to Jerusalem; he was praying in the temple.

b. He was *in a trance* and the Lord appeared to him.

c. The Lord told him to quickly *depart from* Jerusalem for the Jews would "not receive your testimony concerning Me".

**2. Paul attempted to explain to the Lord that he could make the Jews understand.**

a. Paul responded that the Jews knew of his persecution of those of the Way.

b. He added that he had even consented to the death of holding the killer's clothes.

**3. The Lord told Paul of His plans for him.**

a. Paul was to depart.

b. He was sent far away to the Gentiles.

*“Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart  
And Love That Soul Through Me.  
And, May I Ev-er Do My Part,  
To Win That Soul For Thee.”*

*Bayless McKinney, Ira Sankey, Leon Tucker*

**Closing Prayer:**