



Introduction

Saul, one of the ringleaders of the persecution, is brought to the ground by a light and voice from heaven (v 3).

He then becomes a believer.



Questions

1. Who spoke to Saul out of the bright light?
2. Why was Ananias reluctant to visit Saul of Tarsus?
3. What did the Jews want to do when Saul started talking to people about Jesus?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** On Saul's way from Jerusalem to Damascus (see first map) to persecute believers, Jesus appears in a dramatic fashion to him, blinding him for three days
- **v 10 to 16** A disciple called Ananias is told to go and see Saul because God has chosen him to preach to people from all nations. However Saul will suffer as a result
- **v 17 to 21** After Saul meets Ananias, he receives his sight, becomes a believer, is baptized and to everyone's surprise he preaches Christ boldly
- **v 22 to 31** The Jews conspire to kill Saul because his preaching is so powerful. He escapes to Jerusalem where the disciples don't believe that he has become a disciple until they are reassured by Barnabas. Saul's preaching causes the Greeks to want to kill him, so he goes to Caesarea and then Tarsus
- **v 32 to 43** At Lydda (see second map), many believe in Jesus after Peter heals a paralysed man in the name of Jesus (see theme). At Joppa more believe in the Lord after Peter brings back to life a lady called Tabitha (Dorcas)

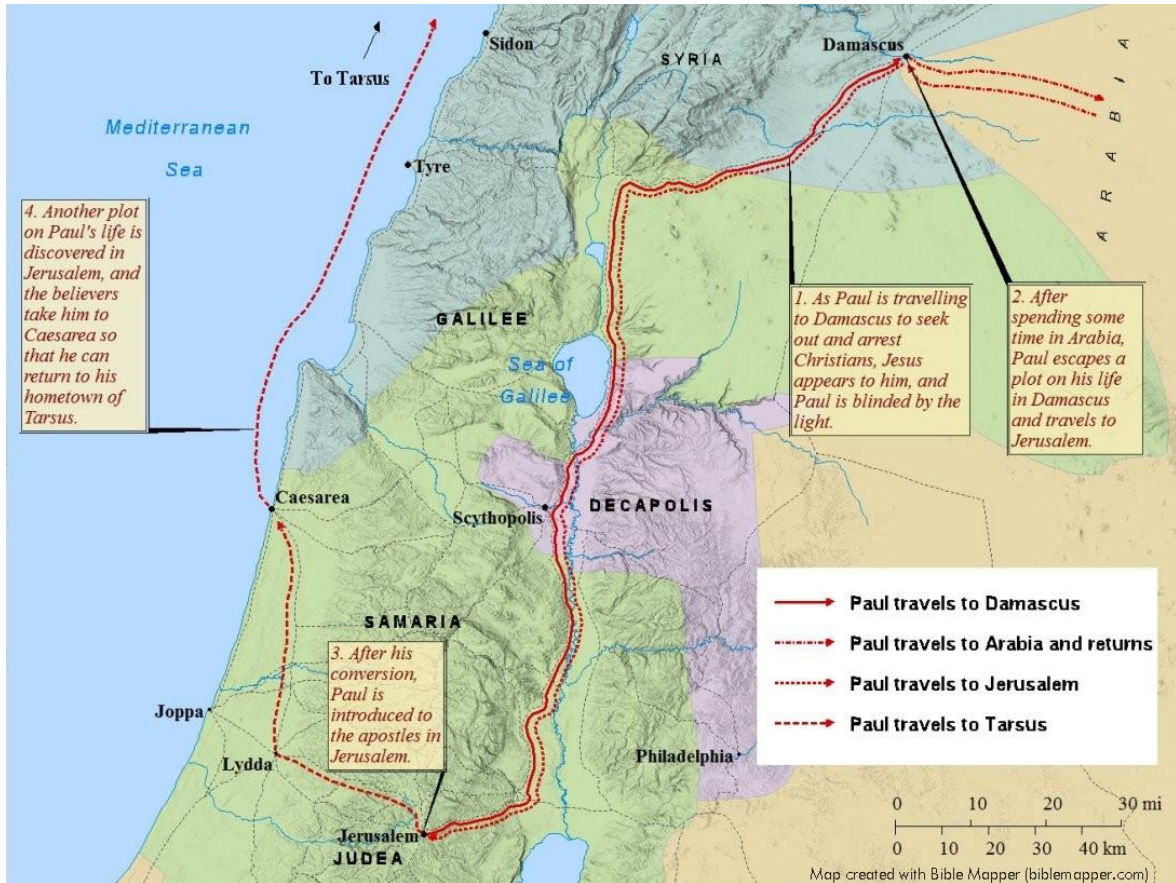
Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme / Information

Paul's early travels

Map showing Paul's early travels (Acts 9 and Galatians 1 and 2).



The significance of Jesus' name

A selection of verses showing that the phrase the "name of Jesus Christ" includes all that Jesus Christ stands for.

The apostle Peter says that sins can be forgiven by baptism into his "name":

Acts 2 verse 38

People receive healing through the "name of Jesus Christ":

Acts 3 verses 6 and 7, 4 verse 10

The message that Philip teaches involves the things concerning the "name of Jesus Christ":

Acts 8 verse 12

When describing how he persecuted believers before his conversion, Paul says he was at that time acting against the "name of Jesus":

Acts 26 verse 9

Paul says that believers call on the "name of Jesus Christ":

1 Corinthians 1 verse 2

Ultimately everything will acknowledge all that the "name of Jesus" stands for:

Philippians 2 verses 9 to 11



Peter's travels



? Questions & Answers

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5, Q 2: v 13 and 14, Q 3: v 23



Bible timeline

