

Today's Theme:

“Jesus’ Enemy Becomes His Newest Spokesman”

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Empowered by Jesus- Part 17

Acts 9:1-25

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. 6 “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” Acts 9:5-6

A Jesus Hater- Makes A Surprising U-Turn

1. Saul, A Committed Jesus _____ - Is On A Mission Headed To Syria. Acts 9:1-2

2. Jesus Has Other _____ For Hyper-Intense Saul.
Acts 9:3-9

- Saul's headed to Damascus to _____ more Christians.
- A light _____ Saul & knocks him off his donkey- Vs. 3
- A voice speaks: “Saul, why do you _____ me? Vs.4
- Saul asks who's speaking & _____ I.D.'s Himself- Vs 5
- Jesus tells Saul- go to _____ - for further info- Vs.6
- Notice- Saul is now _____ to Jesus' directions!

3. A Disciple Named Ananias Who Plays a Big Part In Saul's _____ - Is Reluctant To Get Involved With This Dangerous Man. Acts 9:10-14

- Jesus reaches out to Ananias-go _____ Saul of Tarsus.
- Ananias sees how he is to help Saul in a _____!
- But Ananias is not so sure- it's _____ to help Saul!
- Saul's _____ has every Christian on edge! Vs.13-14

5. Jesus Shows Ananias His _____ For Saul- To Change Him From A Committed Enemy To His Leading _____! Acts 9: 15-19

- Jesus assures Ananias-Saul's His chosen _____ - to lead many to faith- Kings, Gentiles & Jews too! Vs-15
- And his mission- will require him to _____ much!
- Ananias obeys & lays his hands on Saul- and Saul is filled with the HS- Saul is now a real _____! Vs-18
- Saul's eyes get opened to Jesus & he gets _____!

6. Saul's A New Man & Gets Busy Telling The Jesus' Story _____ - But Everyone's Not Happy About It!
Acts 9:20-24

- He's preaching _____ right there in Damascus Vs 20
- He freaked everyone out- with his new take on _____!
- The Jews aimed to _____ him, but he gets away w/ help.

What Do We Learn This Week?

1. We All Started Out As Enemies of _____!
Romans 5:10; Romans 5:8

2. Saul Was A Religiously Smart Guy- But He Was Profoundly _____ About Jesus.
Prov.14:12; 1Tim.2:5; Phil. 3: 4-8

3. Let's Not Be Too Quick To Write Off Someone Who Doesn't Love Jesus _____ - Better To Give Them A _____ Chance! 2 Pet.3:9; Rom.10:13

Next Week... Saul's Journey Into Christianity Leads Him To The One Man Able To Be A Friend & Mentor To Such a Powerful Man... And His Name Means Encourager!