

Study Notes and Questions for Acts 9 (Part 1) :1-19

- How does the narrative of Acts change dramatically from the previous chapter?
- Damascus was about 150 miles (six days' journey) from Jerusalem. What does that tell you about Saul's efforts to find and arrest followers of Jesus?
- Jesus revealed Himself to Saul on the road to Damascus and he went from an enemy of Christ to a devoted follower. What does that tell you about the power of His self-revelation?
- How do you think Saul dealt with the realization that his whole way of dealing with God was wrong?
- Have you ever thought about someone coming out of Mormonism or some other false religious system and coming to the realization that they were entirely misled? How should that affect the way you might witness to such a person?
- What was ironic about the way Saul entered Damascus from how he had intended to enter the city? How did that fit into God's plan?
- How would you have felt in Ananias's place (see 9:10–16)? Would you have been comfortable calling Saul "Brother Saul" (9:17)? What does this show about Ananias?
- Why was it important for Saul to submit to water baptism as a declaration of all that had happened to him in the past few days?