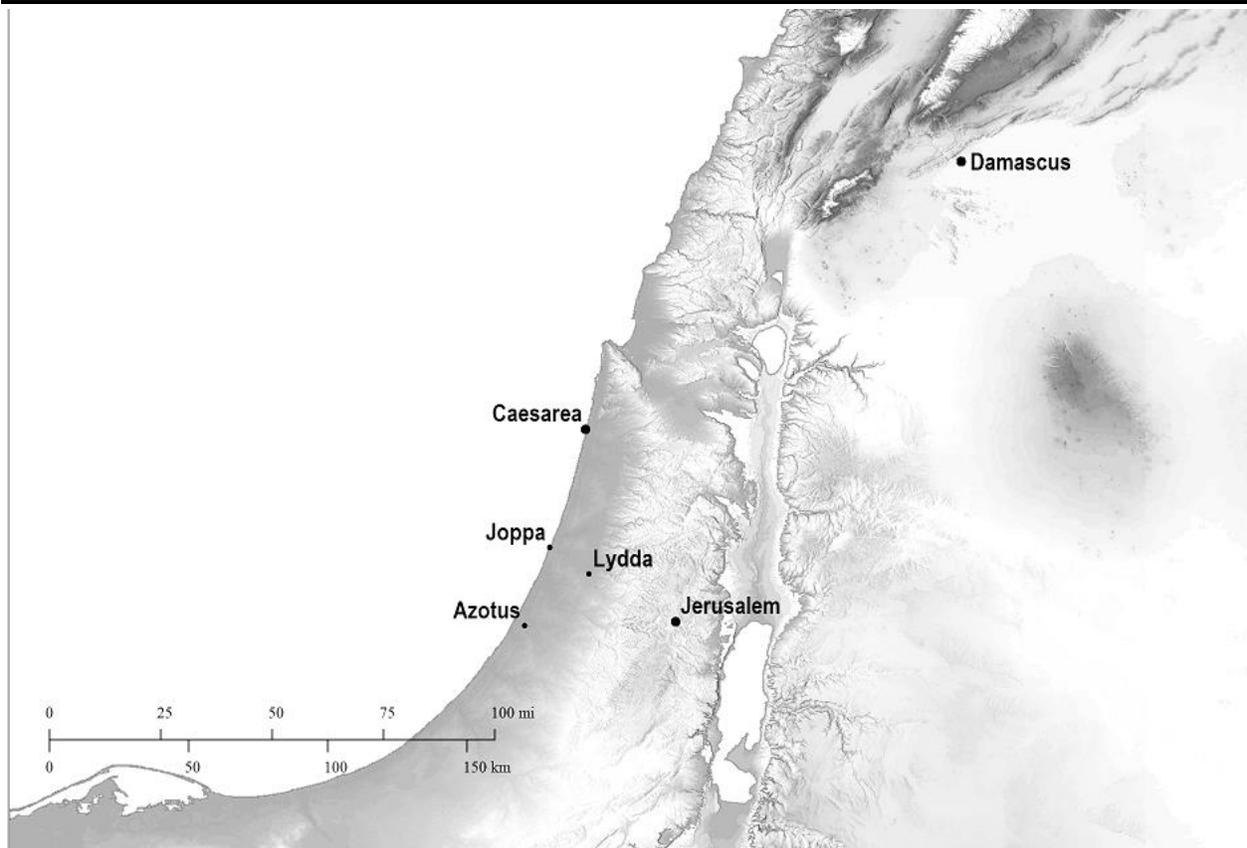


Acts 9

Wednesday
February 12, 2020



1. What term does Luke use for Christianity in each of the following passages?
 - Acts 9:2
 - Acts 19:9
 - Acts 19:23
 - Acts 22:4
 - Acts 24:14
 - Acts 24:22
2. What specifically did Saul do in opposition to the Way, according to each of the following passages:
 - Acts 9:1-2
 - Acts 9:13-14
 - Acts 9:21
 - Acts 22:4-5
 - Acts 26:9-11
 - Galatians 1:13
 - Galatians 1:23
 - 1 Timothy 1:13
3. What might be the origin of the phrase “the Way” as a description of Christianity? (See John 14:6; And while Hebrews was probably written a

few years after Acts, note Hebrews 9:8. Also consider Matthew 7:14, Acts 16:17, Acts 18:26.)

4. Locate Damascus on a map and determine how far it was from Jerusalem.
5. Who authorized Saul to go to the synagogues of Damascus to arrest those of the Way and bring them back to Jerusalem as prisoners? (compare Acts 26:10)
6. What does this say about Saul's status? Compare Galatians 1:14
7. Why did Saul respond Jesus' voice, saying, "Lord"?
8. Read Acts 9:17, 9:27, 22:15, 26:16, 1 Corinthians 9:1, 15:7, and choose the correct statement:
 - a. ____ Saul was blinded and unable to see Jesus, but only heard his voice
 - b. ____ Saul saw Jesus
9. What would have been the likely role of the men who traveled with Paul according to the original purpose of the journey?
10. Did the men who travelled with Paul hear Jesus? Compare Acts 9:7 and Acts 22:9.
11. What all did Jesus say to Saul? In addition to the account here in Acts 9, also read Acts 26:15-18.
12. How did Saul pass the next three days. What does this tell you about his state of mind?
13. At whose house was Saul staying? Why was this a popular name?
14. When the Lord told Ananias about Saul, He said that Paul was doing what? What would you suppose Saul was praying?

15. Why was Ananias reluctant to go to meet Saul?
16. If you've ever wondered what it was that fell from Saul's eyes ("something like scales") I really can't tell you any more than that it was something like scales. But in the event you are wondering what the Greek word translated "scales" might mean, you'll find it used five times in the Septuagint: Lev. 11:9, 11:10, 11:12, Dt. 14:9, and Number 16:38. In each place other than the last one, I think you'll have no trouble recognizing which English word corresponds to the word translated "scales" in Acts 9:18.
17. According to the retelling of this incident in Acts 22, had Saul's sins been washed away when he first believed? When he was first penitent? When he began to pray? (See Acts 22:12-16)
18. Why is it that right at the point of Acts 9:31, Luke thinks it significant to say "So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace"?
19. Notice that Luke is still giving prominence to Peter. What three incidents are now related that involve Peter? (Acts 9:44-10:48)