**PAUL SHARES HIS TESTIMONY ABOUT JESUS**

**WITH THE JEWS**

Acts 21:40-22:29 (Key verse: 6-7)

*“About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me.*

*I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, ‘Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?’*

1. Where was Paul and what was the situation? (21:27-20:1-2) In his testimony, what did Paul share about himself? (3) About what he did to the early Christians? (4-5) How was this relevant to the Jewish crowd listening to Paul? In the past, why was Paul and now the zealous Jews so wrong about Jesus (John 5:39-40[[1]](#footnote-1))
2. Describe how Paul met Jesus? (6-7) At the time, what did Paul ask the Lord? (8a) Why do you think Jesus emphasised that Paul was persecuting Him? (7, 9) Jesus could have struck Paul down as God's enemy. Instead, He appeared to him. Why? (1 Tim 1:15-16,[[2]](#footnote-2) Roman 5:8[[3]](#footnote-3))
3. What did Paul then ask Jesus and how did Jesus answer (10) How does this conversation between Paul and Jesus reveal a fundamental change in Paul’s new life? What does it mean that Paul’s blindness was cured? (11-13) What did Ananias reveal to Paul? (14) Why did God reveal Jesus to Paul this special way? (15) Why did Ananias encourage Paul to baptized? (16)
4. Upon his return to Jerusalem, what direction did Jesus give Paul? (17-18) Why did Paul disagree and think the Jews would accept his testimony? (19-20) But what was Jesus’ response? (21) What can we learn here about God’s plans and our plans?
5. In his testimony, Paul shared Jesus’ grace to him with the Jews. Why? Yet how did the Jews respond? (22-23; 18) Read verses 24-29. What can we learn about Paul from these verses?
1. **John 5:39-40** You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **1 Tim 1:15-16** “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners–of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Roman 5:8** “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us [↑](#footnote-ref-3)