

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you

may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Psalm 30**Revelation 5:1–14**

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and

golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you
ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people
and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests
to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders the voice
of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads
and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud
voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to
receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard
every creature in heaven and on earth and under
the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them,
saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the
Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures
said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and
worshipped.

John 21:1–19

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to
the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he
revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter,
Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in
Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of
his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to
them, "I am going fishing." They said to him,
"We will go with you." They went out and got
into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on
the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it
was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you
have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He
said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the
boat, and you will find some." So they cast it,
and now they were not able to haul it in, because
of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus

loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"
When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he
put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for
work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other
disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full
of fish, for they were not far from the land, but
about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a
charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and
bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the
fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter
went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of
large fish, 153 of them. And although there were
so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to
them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of
the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?"
They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and
took the bread and gave it to them, and so with
the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus
was revealed to the disciples after he was raised
from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus
said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you
love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes,
Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him,
"Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time,
"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said
to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to
him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you
love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to
him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he
said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you
know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed
my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you
were young, you used to dress yourself and walk
wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you
will stretch out your hands, and another will
dress you and carry you where you do not want
to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of
death he was to glorify God.) And after saying
this he said to him, "Follow me."