

Read Acts 9:1-9

1 Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest.

2 He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

3 As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him.

4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

5 "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!"

6 Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one!

8 Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus.

9 He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

How was Saul feeling after the death of Stephen (v. 1)? He was angry and wanted to kill as many Christians as he could.

What did Saul do next (vv. 1-2)? He went to the Jewish high priest and got his permission to arrest all the Christians he found in Damascus so he could bring them back to Jerusalem and put them in jail.

When Saul was traveling to Damascus, what happened (v. 3)? A bright light from heaven, like a blinding spotlight, flashed down on him.

What did Saul do (v. 4)? He fell down. **What did Saul hear?** A voice asking him, "Why are you persecuting me?" **What did Saul ask (v. 5)?** Who are you Lord? He knew the voice was from heaven.

Who did the voice say He was? Jesus, the One you are persecuting. Notice that the voice said that Saul was persecuting Jesus -- not the Jews.

What did Jesus tell Saul to do (v. 6)? Get up and go into the city and you will be told what to do next.

How did the men with Saul react (v. 7)? They were speechless/dumfounded. They had heard a voice but didn't see anyone.

What happened when Saul finally stood up (v. 8)? He opened his eyes but could not see anything. He was blind.

What did his friends do? Led him by the hand like a little child into Damascus.

What did Saul do next (v. 9)? He stayed in Damascus in the same place for three days and didn't eat or drink anything. He was probably trying to figure out what had just happened to him.