

# acts

Sermon notes and study guide

For the week of 25th April 2021

"Types"



# The Way

Acts 9:19 - 43 or page 863 in a church bible.

# **Main points**

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7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

1 Corinthians 15:7–10 (ESV)

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11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

2 Timothy 4:11 (ESV)

12 Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. 2 Peter 1:12–15 (ESV)

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15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)



What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?

What was the main point of the sermon?

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What is one thing you are going to do with what you	
heard this next week	

19 and taking food, he was strengthened.
For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.
20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 And 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?"
22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

23 When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, 25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. 30 And when the brothers learned this.

they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

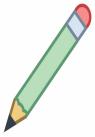
32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralysed. 34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha. which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 37 In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 And he gave her CONT Back page

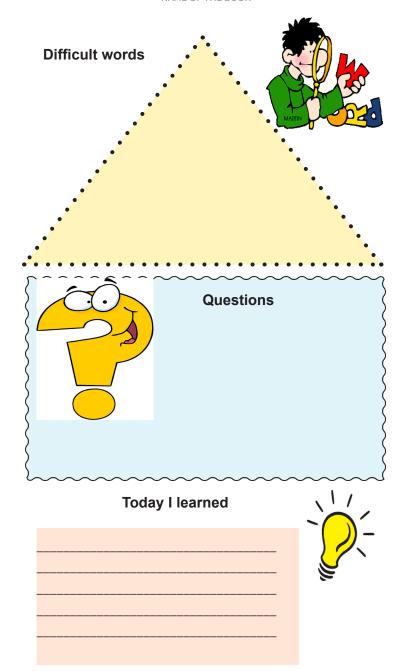
# Sermon notes for kids

Favourite song today





Draw a picture from the sermon



# Further study for Groups and individuals

## Review

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment
to reveiw what you wrote you were going to take action on
How did it go?
What did you learn?
Have you ever taken a personality test and if so which one?
What did you learn about yourself from it?
Of the four types discussed in the sermon which type do
you think you are?
Read the description Paul gives of his time in Damascus and compare with the Luke's account in Acts.
1 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but
I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 Fo you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I

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persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. 23 They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God because of me.

Galatians 1:11–24 (ESV)

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Luke's emphasis in writing Acts is to focus on the progression of the Gospel, Paul's in writing to the Galatians is in opposition to the Judaisers there to prove "his" Gospel is

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not inferior to the Apostles in Jerusalem but is the same.
What was it about Saul's personality that God chose and foresaw would help spread the Gospel?
Describe Barnabas' role in the spread of the Gospel, (Acts 11:19-26, 12:25, 15:37-41, 2 Timothy 4:11). Where would Paul and John Mark have been without Barnabas?
Describe the "Barnabas'" in your life?
What were Peter's strengths and weaknesses?
Both Elijah and Elisha were itinerant prophets, and Jesus was also always on the move. How does Peter's travel reflect these three?
Do you like to be settled or do you prefer to have a con-

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stant change of scenery?
What do you think it took for Luke to research and compile his Gospel?
Why is it important to have exacting people involved in the church?
Discuss how these personalities can work together and where the possible conflicts might come into play
How does Jesus embody the best of all of these personality types?

his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

Acts 9:19-43 (ESV)

