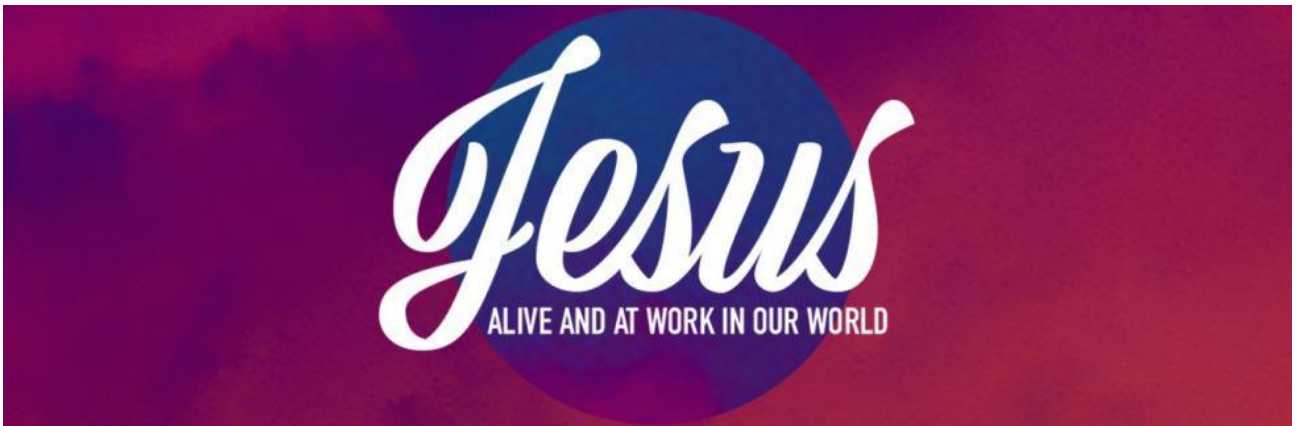


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THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE PERSECUTOR

Acts 9:1-31



SERMON QUESTIONS

- What do we know about Saul from the context of Acts (7:58, 8:1-3)? How about from this text?
- What is the purpose of the "letters" and how do they add to the tension of the story? (v. 1-2)
- How are verses 1-9 a conflict of authority?
- Look at the interaction between Jesus and Saul in v. 3-6. What is significant and why?
- How does the theme of blindness/sight develop?
- How are Saul's interactions with the church (Barnabas, Ananias, etc.) instructive for us?
- Why is verse 31 so surprising (given v. 1-2)?
- How is Saul's story of conversion our story?
- What purpose does God's reassurance (v. 31) serve? Spend some time praying for the descriptions of v. 31 to be true of our church.

Memory Verse:

ACTS 9:31

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.