

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Sermon Scriptures

Acts 22:4 “I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons,

Acts 26:9-11 **9** ¶ “So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **10** “And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them. **11** “And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities.

Acts 7:54-58 **54** ¶ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. **55** But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; **56** and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” **57** But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. **58** When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

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Acts 9:1, 2 **1** ¶ Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, **2** and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

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Acts 9:3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

Acts 26:13 at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.

Acts 9:4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

Acts 26:14 “And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

Acts 9:5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

Acts 22:8, 9 8 “And I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am **Jesus the Nazarene**, whom you are persecuting.’ **9** “And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

Acts 22:10a “And I said, ‘**What shall I do, Lord?**’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has **been appointed for you to do.**’

Acts 9:6 but **get up and enter the city**, and it will be told you what you must do.”

Acts 26:16-18 16 ‘But get up and stand on your feet; **for this purpose I have appeared to you**, to appoint you **a minister and a witness** not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; **17** rescuing you from the *Jewish* people and from **the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you**, **18** to open their eyes so **that they may turn from darkness to light** and from the dominion of Satan to God, that **they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance** among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.’

Rom. 11:13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as **I am an apostle of Gentiles**, I magnify my ministry,

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Acts 9:8 Saul got up from the ground, and though **his eyes were open, he could see nothing**; and leading him by the hand, they **brought him into Damascus**.

Acts 22:11 “But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand **by those who were with me** and came into Damascus.

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Acts 9:9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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Acts 9:10-16 10 ¶ Now there was a disciple at Damascus **named Ananias**; and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” **11** And **the Lord said to him**, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, **12** and 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.**”

Acts 9:13 But **Ananias answered**, “**Lord**, I have heard from many about this man, how **much harm he did to Your saints** at Jerusalem; **14** and here he has authority from the chief priests to **bind all who call on Your name.**”

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is **a chosen instrument of Mine**, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; **16** for I will show him **how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.**”

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Acts 9:17-19 **17** So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “**Brother Saul**, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me **so that you may regain your sight** and be **filled with the Holy Spirit.**” **18** And **immediately there fell from his eyes** something like scales, and **he regained his sight**, and he got up and **was baptized**; **19** and **he took food** and was strengthened. ¶ Now for **several days he was with the disciples** who were at Damascus,

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Acts 9:20 and **immediately he began to proclaim** Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “**He is the Son of God.**”

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Acts 9:21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”

Acts 9:22 But Saul **kept increasing in strength** and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by **proving that this Jesus is the Christ.**

Acts 9:23-25 **23** ¶ When many days had elapsed, **the Jews plotted together to do away** with him, **24** but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night **so that they might put him to death**; **25** but his disciples took him by night and let him down through *an opening in* the wall, lowering him in a large basket.

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Acts 9:26 ¶ When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but **they were all afraid of him**, not believing that he was a disciple.

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Acts 9:27 But **Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles** and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus **he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.**

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Acts 9:28, 29 **28** And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord. **29** And he was talking and arguing with the **Hellenistic Jews**; but they were attempting to **put him to death.**

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Acts 9:30 But when the brethren learned *of it*, they brought him **down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.**

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Acts 26:19, 20 **19** ¶ “So, King Agrippa, **I did not prove disobedient** to the heavenly vision, **20** but **kept declaring both to those of Damascus first**, and *also* **at Jerusalem** and *then* **throughout all the region of Judea**, and *even* **to the Gentiles**, that they should repent and turn to God, performing **deeds appropriate to repentance.**

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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**.