

### Saul Preaches Christ in the Damascus Synagogues (late 34)

Acts 9:19b–22

19b Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,  
 20 and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”  
 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?”  
 22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

### Saul’s Extended Residence in Damascus and Arabia (late 34–early 37)

Galatians 1:15–17

15 But when God, who had set me apart *even* from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, was pleased  
 16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,  
 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.

### Saul Narrowly Escapes Capture in Damascus (early 37)

Acts 9:23–25

2 Corinthians 11:32–33

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.

32 In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,  
 33 and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and *so* escaped his hands.

### Saul’s First Post-Conversion Visit to Jerusalem (early 37)

Acts 9:26–29

Galatians 1:18–19

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.  
 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.  
 28 And he was with them,

18 Then three years later [*from his conversion*] I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas,  
 and stayed with him fifteen days.  
 19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.

<p>moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic <i>Jews</i>; but they were attempting to put him to death.</p>	
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### Saul's Ministry in Tarsus (his hometown in the province of Cilicia) (c. 37–46)

Acts 9:30	Galatians 1:21–24
<p>30 But when the brethren learned <i>of it</i>, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.</p>	<p>21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 I was <i>still</i> unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; 23 but only, they kept hearing, “He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy.” 24 And they were glorifying God because of me.</p>

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