

Are You Prepared to Prove that Jesus is the Savior?

Acts 9:19b-25

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Saul had not been a Christian for long before he was out in the synagogue in Damascus, proving that Jesus was the Christ, the promised Messiah and Son of God. His conversion was so recent that the reactions of those who were listening showed deep confusion: "*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?"*" - v. 21, ESV

Saul was not immediately put into a leadership position in the church, but he immediately went to work convincing others that the Jesus he was just recently persecuting was, in fact, the long-awaited Messiah, the hope of Israel and the Savior of the World. Saul used his training in the Scriptures to confound the Jewish opponents of Christ. He knew the Scriptures well enough to reason and make the case and prove that Jesus was the Christ.

Could you do the same? If someone were to ask you to prove to them from the Bible that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, the only Savior, could you? What if they did not accept the New Testament as Scripture? Could you prove that Jesus is the Messiah from the Torah (the Old Testament) alone?

If you're not sure you could, start by studying [Isaiah 53](#) and [Psalm 22](#), then add in [Isaiah 9:1-7](#) and then [Micah 5:2-4](#). If you take time to study these four passages until you can clearly see and explain Jesus through them, you'll have all you need to engage anyone in conversation about Jesus. The great thing about these four passages is that, because they were written several hundred years before Jesus was born, they can be used even in conversations with those who don't accept the Bible as the Word of God.

To get started, you can find sermons on Isaiah 52-53 [here](#). Then, you can find a sermon on Micah 5:2-4 [here](#). For further study, you may find this site helpful [here](#).

Every Christian has the responsibility to be able to show unbelievers from the Scripture why we believe that Jesus is the Messiah. May the Lord bless as we study toward that end.

Heavenly Father, please empower Your people with strong and clear knowledge and understanding of Your word, so we can show others that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Give us opportunities to share Jesus with others. In His name we pray, Amen.