

PAUL BEGINS TO PREACH JESUS: THE RESURRECTED LORD - Acts 9-12

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INTRODUCTION

1. Paul began preaching the resurrected Jesus as the Christ. A 9:17-22
 - i. Recall Peter's preaching - *Son of God & Christ* apostolically defined.
 - ii. Paul begins by preaching Jesus as *Christ* but continued his education to understand the significance of *Jesus, Son of God, Christ*.
2. Paul - recipient of apostolic tradition re: Jesus' humiliation having met the glorified Jesus en route to Damascus.

1st: Paul Preached in Damascus and Jerusalem and Antioch

1. A challenge to piece timeline together - around same age as Jesus - in 20's rising star in Sanhedrin - conversion circa 32-33AD [Paul 30ish]
 - i. A 9:22-23 + Gal 1:15-17 many days cld be *Arabia* then Damascus. *Arabia* = region east of Samaria was called "Arabia Petraea" & was ruled by Aretas the IVth from 9BC-40AD.
 - ii. A 9:23-25 + 2C 11:32-33. Why did Paul arouse such opposition?
2. To Jerusalem [35-36AD: Paul early 30's] - A 9:26-28
 - i. Paul wanted to join church but disciples were apprehensive.
 - a. Barnabas commends & he is received by the church.
 - b. Engages w/ Hellenistic Jews A 9:29 - A 6:9-10 from *Cilicia & Asia* - stoned Stephen, now Paul preaches same thing as Stephen - A 9:20. Brethren send Paul to Tarsus : A 9:30 Summary: v31
 - ii. Paul's 1st visit to Jeru - Gal 1:18-20 - met apostles - validated gospel & possibly given "tradition" ["delivered & received" - 1C 11:23] re: LT wh/ Paul *received from the Lord*.
3. Gal 1:21-24 silent yrs [36-45AD] did he can't to preach? Tarsus & Antioch
4. Northern coastal region -> Antioch of Syria - A 11:19-26. To Jews & Greeks - *preaching the Lord Jesus* -> believers. Barnabas - gets Saul & they labor together for a year [45-46AD]. Disciple = "Christian"
5. A 11:27-30 Paul's 2nd visit to Jeru w/ Barn: \$ to relieve from famine
 - i. *now at this time* [possibly 11 yrs after 1st visit]
 - ii. 47AD? - Caludius' reign [41-54AD] & Judean famine tw/ 45-48AD.
 - iii. A12 - Luke returns to an earlier time in Jeru - Jms beheaded & Ptr imprisoned & released - Herod died [44AD].
 - iv. A 12:24-25 = summary: Barn & Saul return to Antioch w/ Jn Mrk
6. Circa 47-48AD [Paul is mid-40's]: 1st missionary journey: A 13:1-4

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2nd: What Did Paul Preach?

1. Paul has been preaching for 20yrs. In A13, Lk will give details re: what Paul preached - A 9:20 & 22 *Son of God - Christ* = res'd enthroned Jesus
 - i. Used OT - *proclaiming* [v20 = heralding]; *proving* [v22] = compiling texts from OT; *confounding* - by how he interpreted Scripture by Scripture. "Gezera Shawa" - same vocab - interp obscure by the clear
 - ii. *Son of God* - A8:37 Ethiopian's confession before baptism; textual questions but no question re: A9:20 - how is *Christ the Son of God*?
 - a. Ps 2:6-8 - cited in A 13:33 fulfilled in Jesus' resurrection.
 - b. Sanhed's indictment - Mat 26:63-64 enthroned [Dan 7:13]
 - c. Rm 1:1-5 - 25yrs later: v4 - resurrection *declared* - Lordship

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iii. *Christ* - A 2:36 from Ps 110

2. What did Paul come to see while blind for 3 days? A 7:56 - Stephen was right & Sanhedrin was wrong. A 9:18 *baptized* = union death/res of Jesus
3. Exodus & Isaiah informs Acts - imagine all the Scripture that was coming together for Paul as he realized that Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy! The reign of Messiah has begun! We are in the last days! Jesus' is our atoning sacrifice & our sins are forgiven & we are justified in Him! Zealous Paul heads off to tell his kinsmen in the synagogues: the NCov is here!
4. Tell pagans of the goodness of their Creator, the tragedy of the Fall & the provision of saving grace in the promised Christ. Turn from idolatry & worship the true Triune God revealed in Jesus the Son of God: Jesus Christ

Applic #1: Let Us Repent and Believe the Apostolic Gospel of Jesus Christ

1. The res'd Jesus is the explanation for Paul: the man & his message.
2. His final words - 1T 1:12-17