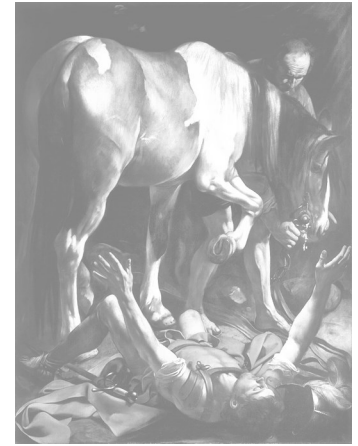


Acts 9:1-19: Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"



"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

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“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.”

Painting by Caravaggio (1600)

Sunday, Jan. 24

What questions or insights do you have from the sermon?

### *Can I get a witness?*

With whom did you share some good news this week?

Spend some time praying for that person or persons.



With whom would you like to share some good news next week? Spend some time praying for an opportunity and open hearts.

A hymn for you to sing or find online to sing along.

### *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
and then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

Monday, Jan. 25

Read Acts 9:1-19. What words or phrases catch your attention?

Spend some time with those words or phrases.  
What might God be saying to you through them?



Painting by Taddeo Zuccari (1564)

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Has there been a time in which you were reluctant to follow God's call, as Ananias was initially?

Describe it and your response.

*God in Plain Sight(ings)*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Would you respond differently today? How?

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Saturday, Jan. 30

Write your story of becoming a Christian.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Read Paul's testimony regarding his experience in Acts 21:37 through Acts 22:16.

What did he highlight in telling his story?

O God, we ask that where we have been confused, You will provide clarity; where we have been fearful, You will provide peace. Apart from You, O Lord, we are nothing. In and with You we can do all things. In Jesus' name, amen.

Heavenly Father, give Your servants fearless confidence in preaching, teaching and sharing Your Word, as You stretch out Your hand to us in healings and miracles and wonders done in the name of Your holy servant Jesus. Amen.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Read Paul's testimony before King Agrippa in Acts 26:1-23. What does he highlight in this witness?

Friday, Jan. 29

What did you learn from the three stories of Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus?

