

PAUL [A JEW] MEETS JESUS

Acts 7:59-8:4 (Review)

59Some Jews **threw rocks** at Stephen (**because** he **believed** in Jesus) – 60and Stephen **died**. 8:1-3Paul was **happy** that Stephen died. And Paul **started** to **destroy** Jesus' people. Paul went from house to house – he **looked for believers** in Jesus – and Paul **put** men and women in **jail**. The believers in Jesus **ran away** from Jerusalem. 4And, **everywhere** the believers went, the believers **told everyone about** Jesus.

Acts 9:2-26

9:2Then Paul **planned** to go to **Damascus** [a city in **Syria** about 250 **kilometers north** of Jerusalem]. He **wanted** to **find** believers in Jesus. Paul wanted to put them in jail.

3Paul was going to Damascus – and he was **near** Damascus. **Suddenly**, there was a **very bright light** from **heaven**. The light **flashed** around Paul. 4He **fell** to the **ground**. And Paul **heard** a **voice**. The voice said, “Paul, Paul, **why** are you **persecuting** me?”

5Paul **asked**, “**Who** are you?” The voice said, “I am Jesus. You are persecuting me.”

6Jesus said to Paul, “**Get up**. Go into Damascus. A man will tell you what you **must** do.” 8Paul got up from the ground. He **opened** his eyes – but he could not see! **So** people **took** Paul's hand – the people **led** Paul into Damascus. 9For three days Paul was **blind**. For three days he ate and **drank nothing**.

10A man named Ananias lived in Damascus. Ananias believed in Jesus. Jesus talked to Ananias in a **vision** – 11and Jesus said, “Go to Paul. Put your hands on Paul – and Paul will see **again**.”

13Ananias **answered**, “**Lord!** I have heard **many bad** things about Paul – Paul has done many bad things to your people in Jerusalem. 14Now he has come to Damascus. He wants to **arrest all** believers.”

15But Jesus said, “Go! I **have chosen** Paul to do a very **special job**. Paul will tell the **Gentiles** [**non-Jews**] about me – and Paul will tell Gentile **kings** about me. And Paul will tell the people of Israel [**Jews**] about me. 16I will tell Paul: You must **suffer** very **much** for me.”

17Then Ananias went to Paul. Ananias put his hands on Paul – and Ananias said, “**Brother** Paul, Jesus **sent** me to you. You will see again. And the **Holy Spirit** will **fill** you.” 18**Immediately**, Paul could see. Then Paul got up – and he was **baptized** [because he believed in Jesus].

19Paul stayed in Damascus – he stayed with believers in Jesus. 20Immediately Paul went to the Jewish churches – and he said: Jesus is the Son of God. 21The people were very surprised. They said, “Isn’t this Paul? In Jerusalem Paul arrested believers in Jesus. Now he has come to Damascus to arrest believers in Jesus!”

22But Paul became more and more powerful – Paul proved [from the Old Testament] that Jesus is the Messiah. But the Jews in Damascus could not answer Paul.

23After many days the Jews planned to kill Paul. 25But Paul escaped – 26and he went to Jerusalem.

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did Paul feel when Stephen was killed? (verse 8:1-3)
- Then what did Paul do to Jesus' people? (verse 8:1-3)

Why do you think Paul hated Jesus?

Answer:

The Jews wanted to kill Jesus because (1) Jesus did good work on the Rest Day, and (2) Jesus said: God is my Father, so I am the same as God. John 5:18

(1) The Rest Day was the most important rule in the Old Testament for Jews.

(2) The Jews thought that Jesus was only a man – and no man should say: I am the same as God.

So, do you think Paul was trying to help God?

- Then what did Paul plan to do? (verse 9:2) Why?
- What happened to Paul when he got near Damascus? (verses 3-4)
- What did he hear? What did the voice say? (verse 4)
- What did Paul ask the voice? (verse 5)
 - Paul was trying to help God, but what did the voice answer? (verse 5)
 - So, who spoke to Paul? (verse 5)

How do you think Paul felt when he heard this?
Do you think Paul was shocked?

- What did Jesus tell Paul to do? (verse 6)
- What was Paul's problem? (verse 8)
- How long was Paul blind? How long did he eat and drink nothing? (verse 9)

What do you think Paul thought about for 3 days?

How does it feel to completely change your thinking?

- What did Jesus tell Ananias to do? (verse 11)
- Did Ananias want to go see Paul? (verses 13-14) Why not?

- Why did Jesus choose Paul? (verses 15)

Jesus chose Paul to be God's most important worker.
Are you surprised by this?

Does Creator God have a big heart or a small heart?
How big is God's love?

Later, Paul said:

"15Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners – and I am the worst sinner. 16But Jesus was very loving and merciful to me. Why was Jesus loving and merciful to me? Because I am the worst sinner – so Jesus wanted to show his great patience to me. I am the example for you – I am the example of Jesus' great patience. Jesus' patience has no limit for you, if you want to believe in Jesus and receive eternal life."

1 Timothy 1:15-16

- What else will Paul do for Jesus? (verse 16)
- What did Ananias do for Paul? (verse 17)

Did Ananias hate Paul? Or did Ananias accept Paul? ("Brother Paul...")

- What did Paul do first? (verse 18)
- What did Paul do in Damascus? (verse 20) What did he say?
- Why were people surprised? (verse 21)
- What did Paul prove? (verse 22)

What is the Messiah? (See vocabulary list)

- What did the Jews plan to do to Paul? (verse 23)
- But what did Paul do? (verses 25-26)

This is an amazing story!
Do you have any thoughts about it?

Paul	パウロ
Jew	ユダヤ人（イスラエル人）
meet - met - met	会う、出会う、待ち合わせる、出迎える
throw - threw - thrown	投げる
rock	石
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
believe	信じる
die	死ぬ
happy / happier / happiest	嬉しい・より嬉しい・最も嬉しい、喜ぶ、幸せだ
start	始める、始まる
destroy	滅ぼす、打ちこわす
look for	探す、探し求める
believer	信者
put - put - put	置く
jail	牢獄
run away - ran away - run away	逃げる
everywhere	いたるところ
tell - told - told	話をする、伝える、命じる、教える、戒める
everyone	皆
about	について、約
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら
plan	計画、計画を立てる
Damascus	ダマスコ
city	市
Syria	シリア（イスラエルの北にある国）
kilometer	キロメートル
north	北
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
find - found - found	見つける
near	近く
suddenly	突然、急に
very	非常に
bright	眩しい
light	光、明かり、明るい
heaven	天国

flash	ひらめく、突然に照らす
fall - fell - fallen	落ちる、倒れる、転ぶ
ground	地面、地、土
hear - heard - heard [pronunciation = heer - hrd - hrd]	聞く
voice	声
why	なぜ、どうして
persecute	迫害する
ask	尋ねる
who	誰
get up - got up - gotten up	立ち上がる、起きる
must	しなければならない
open	開く、開ける
so	だから、それで、それに従って、そのためには、そんなに
take - took - taken	連れていく、取る、受け取る、持っていく、奪う
lead - led - led	導く、指導する、連れていく
blind	目の見えないこと
drink - drank - drunk	飲む
nothing	何もない、何でもない、無
vision	幻
again	また、もう一度
answer	答える、答え
Lord	主、天地創造の神様
many	多くの、大勢の
bad	悪い
arrest	逮捕する
all	すべて
choose - chose - (have) chosen	選ぶ、選んだ、選んだことがある
special	特別、特別な、特徴ある、特殊、大事な、大切な
job	仕事、職、役割
Gentiles	異邦人（ユダヤ人でない人）
non-	ノン～、不～、非～、～でない
king	王

suffer	苦しむ
much	大いに
brother	兄弟、兄、弟
send - sent - sent	見送る、送る、使いにやる
Holy Spirit	聖霊、神様の霊、キリストの霊
fill	一杯にする、満たす
immediately	たちまち
baptize	洗礼（を受ける）
stay	いる、待つ、止まる、泊まる、滞在する
Jewish	ユダヤ人、ユダヤ教、ユダヤ人の文化
church	教会の建物
surprise	驚く、驚かす、びっくり、びっくりする
isn't	～ではありませんか
powerful	力ある、力強い
prove	証明する、証拠をあげる
Old Testament	旧約聖書（イエス・キリスト以前の聖書の話）
Messiah Messiah = Christ, chosen by God to be the eternal Savior, King, High Priest	メシア、メシア＝キリスト、メシヤは神に任命された永遠の救い主、王、大祭司
after	の後、ののち
kill	殺す
escape	逃亡する、逃げる、免れる

how	どう、どのくらい
feel - felt - felt	感じる
when	その時、という時に、いつ
think - thought - thought	思う、考える
hate	憎む
work	仕事、働き、仕事する、働く、作業
Rest Day (It is a day to rest from doing work and to worship God)	安息日、神様の日（仕事を休んで神様を拝む日）
the same as	と同じ
most	最も、一番
important	大切、重要な、大事な、重大、優れる、えらい（人）
rule	規則、掟

only	だけ、のみ、ただ、ひとりの、ただ一人の、ただ一つの
should	するべき、起こるべき
try	試みる、やろうとする
help	助ける、助け
happen	起こる
speak - spoke - spoken	話す、語る
shock	驚く、呆気に、ショック
problem	問題
how long	どのくらい（の長さ・の時間）
completely	完全に
change	変わる、変える
thinking	考え、考え方
worker	働き人、奉仕者
Creator God	創造者、創造主、天地創造の神様
big heart	広い心
later	あとで、その後
world	世、世界
save	救う、助ける
sinner	悪い思いを思い、言葉を言い、行いをする人。罪人
bad / worse / worst	悪い・より悪い・最も悪い
merciful	哀れみ深い
show - showed - shown	見せる、表す、示す
patience	寛容、忍耐、辛抱
example	手本、見本
limit	限り、限る
if	もし
receive	受ける、得る、受け取る
eternal life	永遠の命
else	他に
accept	受け入れる
first	第一、一番目、最初、まず、初めに、最初の
vocabulary list	語彙表、単語リスト
amazing	驚くべき、不思議、びっくりするような、すごい