

Saul
Encountering Jesus--Part 6
Acts 26:9-16
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While his story stretches across nearly the entire book of Acts, Paul himself concisely relates the essential elements of his story while on trial before King Agrippa:

1. Separating his story into three segments, Paul begins by describing a life saturated in _____.

"I used to believe that I ought to do everything I could to oppose the very name of Jesus the Nazarene. Indeed, I did just that in Jerusalem. Authorized by the leading priests, I caused many believers there to be sent to prison. And I cast my vote against them when they were condemned to death. Many times I had them punished in the synagogues to get them to curse Jesus. I was so violently opposed to them that I even chased them down in foreign cities" (Act 26:9-11 NLT).

2. As Paul continues, he describes his _____.

"One day, I was on such a mission to Damascus, armed with the authority and commission of the leading priests. About noon, Your Majesty, as I was on the road, a light from heaven brighter than the sun shone down on me and my companions. We all fell down, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is useless for you to fight against my will.' "Who are you, lord?' I asked. "And the Lord replied, 'I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting'" (Acts 26:12-15 NLT)

3. Finally, Jesus not only gave Paul salvation from his sins, he also called Paul into his _____.

"Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness. You are to tell the world what you have seen and what I will show you in the future" (Acts 26:16 NLT).