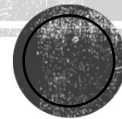


# THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

From Adversary to Advocate | Acts 9:1-22



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The map shows the geographical context of the events in Acts 9. It covers the area from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Dead Sea in the east, and from the Decapolis region in the north to Judea in the south. Key locations marked include Tyre, Capernum, Nazareth, Scythopolis, Joppa, Jerusalem, Beersheba, and various cities in Galilee like Caesarea Philippi, Canatha, Dion, Raphana, Gadara, Pella, and Gerasa. The R. Jabbok and R. Arnon rivers are also shown. A box highlights Damascus in the north and Jerusalem in the south.

## FROM ADVERSARY TO ADVOCATE

**The Main Point:** The sovereign power of Christ is sufficient to turn adversaries into advocates.

- Saul's mission of destruction (vss. 1-2)
- Saul encounters the risen Christ (vss. 3-9)
- Ananias's vision and instruction (vss. 10-16)
- Ananias encounters Saul (vss. 17-19a)
- Saul's mission of redemption (vss. 19b-22)

**Acts in Action**

- The sovereignty of God in conversion—no one is beyond hope

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