

THE RESURRECTION MOVEMENT

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Acts 5:18-20 (NIV)

^[18] They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

^[19] But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

^[20] "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

Acts 5:41-42 (NIV)

^[41] The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

^[42] Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Stephen the first Deacon

The Stoning of Stephen

Acts 8:1-3 (NIV)

^[1] And Saul was there, giving approval to his death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

^[2] Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.

^[3] But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.

For the Next 3 years Paul persecuted the church

Acts 9:1-6 (NIV)

^[1] Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest...

^[2] ...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.

[3] As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

[4] He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

[5] "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

[6] "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Acts 9:9-16 (NIV)

[9] For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

[10] In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

[11] 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.

[12] In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

[13] "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.

[14] And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

[15] But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.

[16] I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."