

Agape Life

Gospel Project Bible Study

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Acts 9

We're Off on the Road to Damascus

Volume 10 - Unit 30 – Session 2
Confronted by the Gospel of Jesus

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What's the Point?

Point 1: Confronted by the Savior

Acts 9:3-9

Point 2: Called for a Mission

Acts 9:10-16

Point 3: United with Believers

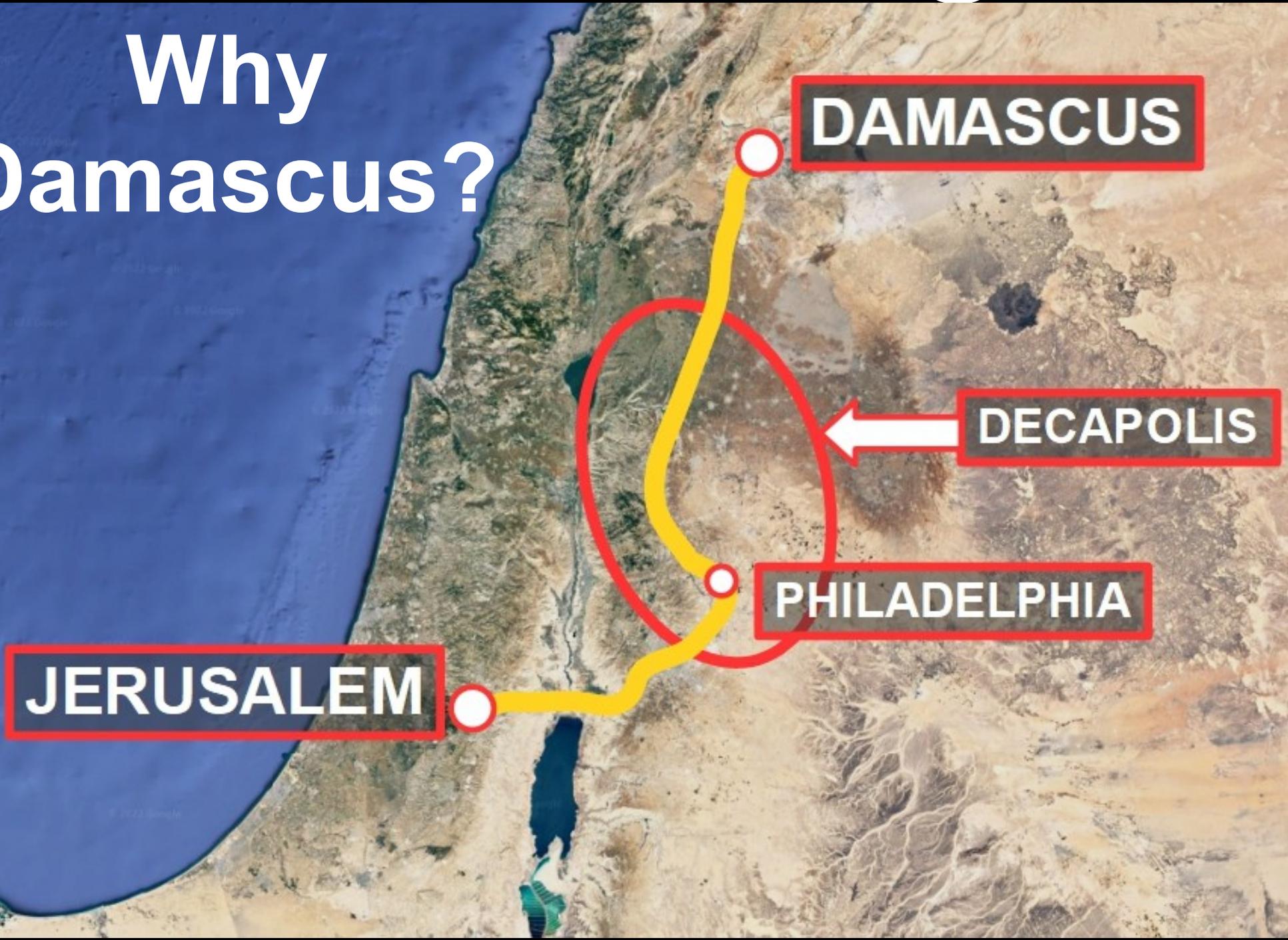
Acts 9:17-20

A Wee Bit of Background



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Why
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Where is Saul of Tarsus in this picture?

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**Confrontation is
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for God to get our attention,
but He doesn't have to
go to this extreme.**

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Point 2:

**Called for a
Mission
Acts 9:10-16**

Point 1: Called for a Mission
Acts 9:10-16

**What was God's mission
for Ananias?**

**What was God's mission
for Paul?**

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Acts 9:10-16

The call of God:

Will sometimes not be logical.

**Will sometimes take you somewhere
you do not want to go.**

**Will sometimes put you in an
uncomfortable position.**

**Will always be perfect even when we
perceive it as questionable.**

Point 3:

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The Rest of the Story (Acts 9:17-30)

- **Ananias embraces Paul in spite of his past.**
- **Paul goes into Arabia for 3 years. (Galatians 1:17)**
- **Paul returns to Damascus where he taught, preached, and debated in Damacus until the Jewish leaders decided that he needed killing.**
- **Paul goes to Jerusalem where the Christians are concerned about his past.**
- **Barnabas embraces Paul and encouraged the others to accept him.**
- **Paul taught, preached, and debated in Jerusalem until the Jewish leaders decided that he needed killing.**

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Unity of the Church: Christ's desire for the church is that we be united as one in Him by the _____, reflecting the oneness of our trinitarian God. As such, we are to allow for no divisions to separate us, such as ethnicity, socioeconomic, nationality, language, politics, or secondary doctrinal beliefs, but to celebrate the _____ of God's people made one in Christ.

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How Should We Then Live?

God has called us to new life and a new purpose. Therefore, . . .

1. We must respond to God's call and not wait for Him to “get our attention.”
2. We must follow God's instructions even when they seem foolish.
3. We must boldly proclaim the gospel to ALL people no matter their backgrounds or viewpoints and no matter what you think about them nor what they think about you.

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Next Week

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Colossians 3

How Do You Identify?

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Experiencing New Identity in the Gospel of Jesus