

Title: Not Just Another Roadside Conversion

Text: Acts 9:1-9

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Walk-in: It is amazing what God can do on a roadside. We encountered the human and divine sides of personal evangelism last week in the conversion of an Ethiopian official in Acts 8. Today we encounter probably one of the most impactful conversions of people to Christ in a man named Saul. It is truly amazing! Today we'll look at the sovereign activity of God in searching for a person and the lengths to which He goes.

First we see a divine C _____. "As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him." - Acts 9:3

Parallel accounts of encounter in Acts 22:3-16 and Acts 26:2-18.

- His previous mission: **P** _____.
*Acts 8:3; Acts 9:1-2
Acts 22:4-5*

- His previous exposure to Christians.
"Lord, do not hold this sin against them." - Acts 7:60

Jesus sought to contact Saul when Saul wasn't interested in contacting Him.

- *Hound of Heaven by Frances Thompson*

Next, we encounter a divine C _____. "He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'" - Acts 9:4

- * Getting our attention - Name **R** _____.

Does the Lord have to repeat your (my) name in order to gain our attention?

- * The relationship between Christ and His Body.

- * The great danger of a person who **R** _____ Jesus.

Then, we discover a divine C _____.
"Who are you, Lord? Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied." "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." - Acts 9:5,6.

- Explanations of this conversion...
- *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

- The Two BIG QUESTIONS:
W _____ are You? *Acts 22:8*
Answer: I am Jesus.

What do you want me to **D** _____? *Acts 22:10*
Answer: give up your right to yourself.

Conversion is a revolutionary change of government resulting in a radical change in behavior.

Finally, we observe a divine C _____. "For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything." - Acts 9:9

A CHANGED LIFE - Saul's conversion was undeniable

Wrap-up: Without question Saul (renamed Paul) is one of the greatest figures in the Christian hall of fame. But regardless of the things he was able to accomplish, he still came into the kingdom in the same way you and I do - by faith in the all-sufficient work of Christ for us that cleanses us from our sin and sets us on the Jesus road in the Way. Are you on that road? Are you looking for others to invite to come along with you? Let's pray for those roadside encounters that sees lives changed for eternity.