

# 4 QUESTIONS FOR JAN 2024

Why? Who? What? How?



# WHY?

**Acts 9:1-2**

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



# WHY?

**Acts 9:3-4**

**As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, **why** do you persecute me?”**



# WHY?

**9:8-9** Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For **three** days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

**Galatians 1:16-18** My immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. Then after **three** years, I went up to Jerusalem.



# WHO?

**Acts 9:4-5** “**Who** are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

**Galatians 1:15** But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me.



# WHAT

**Acts 9:6** “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told **what** you must do.”

**Acts 9:15** “Go! This man is My chosen instrument to proclaim My Name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.”



# WHAT?

**Acts 12:24-25** But the word of God continued to spread and flourish. When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them John, also called Mark.



# WHAT?

**Acts 13:1-3** Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.



# HOW

## **Acts 9:15-16**

**15. “I will show him **how** much he must suffer for My name.”**

**Acts 27:42-44:** The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. 43 But the centurion wanted to spare Paul’s life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. 44 The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.



# HOW

**Acts 28:1-6:** Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live." But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.



# WHY DO WE NEED TO ASK THESE 4 QUESTIONS?

**1 Corinthians 3:12-15:** If anyone builds on this foundation using **gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw**, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved - even though only as one escaping through the flames.



**“God, who needs nothing, loves into existence wholly superfluous creatures in order that He may love and perfect them.”  
(C. S. Lewis)**