



# GARDEN CITY C H U R C H

## 28 Days With Jesus In The Book of Acts (Days 22-28)

### Day 22 (1.30.23)

#### Read Acts Chapter 22

**Focus Verse: Acts 22:6-11** “Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. <sup>7</sup> And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ <sup>8</sup> So I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ <sup>9</sup> “And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. <sup>10</sup> So I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.’ <sup>11</sup> And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Jesus, we give You praise for saving us when we didn’t know that we needed to be saved. Thank you Jesus for rescuing us from the darkness and bringing us into Your glorious light. Forever we will give you glory!

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Jesus, we worship You, the Lord of Lords. We worship You, the only one that is deserving of our blind obedience. We worship You, the crucified one who is alive forevermore!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** We pray that all would see the light of Your salvation. We intercede before Your throne, King Jesus, for every person that is lost and dead in their sin. We pray that through one encounter with You, Jesus, they would repent and confess You as Lord. Only You can heal, deliver, set free, restore and make us new!

**Response Verse: Acts 22:12-16** “Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, <sup>13</sup> came to me; and he stood and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that same hour I looked up at him. <sup>14</sup> Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. <sup>15</sup> For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup> And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

*Jesus, make us like Ananias ready to receive all who come to salvation in Your name. Just like Paul, no one is too far, too lost, or too broken for You. Your arm is strong enough to save!*

**Day 23 (1.31.23)**  
**Read Acts Chapter 23**

**Focus Verse: Acts 23:11** But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Jesus, we praise You for leading us and guiding us through life. We give You thanks for always being with us, even through the challenges and trials. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's counsel and purpose that prevail (Proverbs 19:21)!

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** We worship You, the one who knows the number of hairs on our head (Luke 12:7). We worship You, the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). We worship You, the only name by which we are saved and can fulfill our calling in this life!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** We pray to You, Lord, reveal our purpose in You. We ask You, Jesus, to strengthen our faith; that obedience, surrender and a willingness to follow You no matter what would be the result. We ask You, Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us for when we have not trusted You, when we have gone astray and taken our own path. Jesus, You are able to redeem our past, our mistakes and our missteps. You are able to get us back into Your perfect will. We desire Your plan and we lay down our own.

**Response Verse: Acts 23:1** Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

*Lord, let it be true of us on the Day of Judgment that we have lived lives of good conscience  
before You!*

**Day 24 (2.1.23)**  
**Read Acts Chapter 24**

**Focus Verse: Acts 24:14-15** But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. <sup>15</sup> I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Jesus, we praise You for making the path straight for us. We thank You, Jesus. Because of You alone, we can walk the narrow road. Jesus, we praise You alone who gives us hope in the resurrection. Thank You!

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Jesus, we worship You, the fulfillment of the law and prophets. We worship You, Jesus, the perfect and righteous Judge. We worship You, Jesus, the One that the covenant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob pointed to! Forever we will exalt You!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** We ask You, Jesus, help us to be faithful to the Way. Give us grace as we love You, love people and walk in the power of Your kingdom. We pray for faith in the resurrection of the dead that truly impacts how we live today. Keep us from the evil one, we pray. Keep us from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). Give us eternal eyes as we live to exalt You, and as we leave a legacy that is worthy of Your name.

**Response Verse: Acts 24:24-25** And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. <sup>25</sup> Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

*Lord, we commit to share the truth, to preach the gospel and leave the results to You. Some will believe. Some will reject You. Others will wait for a more convenient time.*

**Day 25 (2.2.23)**  
**Read Acts Chapter 25**

**Focus Verse: Acts 25:10-12** So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. <sup>11</sup> For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar." <sup>12</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Jesus, we give You praise. Thank You for the courage to stand for You before men. We give praise to You and You alone. You stood up for us destroying the power of sin through Your death. We will live our lives standing up for You!

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Jesus, we worship You, the One wrongfully accused yet perfectly just. Jesus, we adore You, the righteous one who laid down Your life for the guilty. Jesus, You are true strength and faithfulness. Who compares to You? No one!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** We pray that if we stand before the courts of men for believing in You, Jesus, that our faith would remain in the courts of heaven. We have already been found innocent, justified and declared righteous in Your sight. Give us confidence in our identities in Christ stand so foundational that no threat from man could shake us. We ask You, Lord, to empower the body of Christ around the world, that daily lives under the fear and pressure of unrighteous rulers and unjust laws being attacked for their trust in You remain firm in Your foundation. As they stand firm, we pray for Your presence and power to surround them. You will make all wrong things right!

**Response Verse: Acts 25:22** Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear him."

*Jesus, we thank You that our testimonies in You are more powerful than the decree of any earthly king. You alone are worthy of our fear, reverence and unquestioning loyalty. Fill our mouth when it is time to speak no matter who stands before us. May we make You proud.*

**Day 26 (2.3.23)**  
**Read Acts Chapter 26**

**Focus Verse: Acts 26:12-18** “While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, <sup>13</sup> at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. <sup>14</sup> And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ <sup>15</sup> So I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup> But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. <sup>17</sup> I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.’

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Jesus, we praise You for redirecting our footsteps. We thank You for rescuing us from destruction. We praise You, Jesus, for speaking to us in the night of our ignorance. We praise You Jesus, that even while we were lost You knew our name and loved us. You are the One who died for us while we were sinners (Romans 5:8). Forever we give You thanks!

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** We worship You, Jesus, the One that shines brighter than the sun. We worship You, the One who calls us into purpose and out of darkness. We worship You Jesus, the forgiver of sins, and the One who gives us an inheritance in its place!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Jesus, we pray for encounters with You that transform hearts. We intercede for the lost and for those in darkness. May Your light break in. May Your light destroy confusion, depression, chaos and perversion. May Your light spring forth, hope, salvation, joy, peace and new creation into all who put their faith in You, in Jesus name!

**Response Verse: Acts 26:19-20** “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup> but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.

*May our response to our encounters with You, Jesus, be to preach to the nations encouraging and calling them to repent and turn to God!*

**Day 27 (2.4.23)**  
**Read Acts Chapter 27**

**Focus Verse: Acts 27:21-25** But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. <sup>22</sup> And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, <sup>24</sup> saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' <sup>25</sup> Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Jesus, thank You that because of Your sacrifice we can have confidence in knowing we belong to God. Jesus, we praise You for being the one who makes us fearless in difficult circumstances. You are the One who holds our life together. That alone allows us to take heart no matter what may come.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** We worship You, Jesus, our Rock. We worship You, Jesus, our strong foundation! We worship You, Jesus, our shield and buckler. We worship You, Jesus, the Door of our salvation, now and forever!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Jesus, we pray for your continued sovereignty to be continually made known to us. We ask for Your forgiveness where we have doubted Your leadership. We are weak in our ability to trust You at times. We need Your help and we need Your strength. May our faith in impossible circumstances lead others to know You and begin to put their trust in You as well. Amen!

**Response Verse: Acts 27:33-34** And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing. <sup>34</sup> Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

*With You, God, all things are possible! May our lives, our words, our actions and our hope speak this truth to the world around us every day!*

**Day 28 (2.5.23)**  
**Read Acts Chapter 28**

**Focus Verse: Acts 28:23-24** So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.

<sup>24</sup> And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Jesus, thank You for revealing Your kingdom through us. Jesus, we give You praise knowing every word from Moses to the prophets points to You. We thank You that simply speaking Your name and sharing Your word persuades men to give their lives to You.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Jesus, we worship You, the One of whom we can never have enough. From morning till evening, You amaze, fascinate and spring forth wonder in our hearts. No one else is able to apprehend our hearts like You do! Forever we will behold Your beauty and explore Your endless perfections.

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** We pray today, Jesus, for those who have heard of Your worthiness, Your gospel and Your love, yet left disbelieving. We ask You to water those seeds. We pray that curiosity and interest in knowing You spring forth in their hearts. We pray that they would find courage and determination of heart to surrender and put their trust in You, in Jesus name! Help us when we get discouraged after preaching the gospel and the response is disbelief. Do not allow disbelief to cause us to stop preaching Your glorious name to all who will hear!

**Response Verse: Acts 28:30-31** Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, <sup>31</sup> preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

*May our lives testify of Your Kingdom and speak to that which concerns You, Jesus Christ. With confidence we will continue to lift You until every nation signs Your praises!*