

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 21 – The Gospel Message Starts to Spread

Reading:

- Acts 8:1-9:31; Galatians 1:17-24
- Acts 9:32-11:18; 12:1-24; 11:19-30; 12:25

- A. Briefly summarize the events from the reading above. Do you have any questions about the reading you would like us to discuss?
- B. What do we know about Saul's background? Give scripture references.
- C. Describe the negative and positive consequences of Saul's persecution of the Church.
- D. What do we learn from the conversion example of Simon "the sorcerer" from Samaria?
- E. What do we learn from the conversion example of the eunuch from Ethiopia?
- F. What do we learn from the conversion example of Saul (see also Acts 22:1-16 and 26:9-18)?
- G. What things were special about the conversion of Cornelius? Give scripture references.
- H. What can you find out about the ancient city of Antioch (Acts 11:19) and the events associated with the local church there?
- I. Which "King Herod" is in Acts 12 and what was his interaction with the early Church & God?
- J. Some people say the King James Version's use of "Easter" in Acts 12:4 justifies us observing Easter today. How would you respond?
- K. Some people say Acts 11:29 justifies smaller churches paying dues to a central or "mother" church. How would you respond?