

WHAT A CHANGE! - Acts 9

Cast: Narrator, Voice of Jesus, Ananias, some helpers
Props: Spotlight, large basket or box and ropes.



NARRATOR:

Saul was a strict Jew who thought he should hunt out people who believed on Jesus. He arrested people and had them killed and even hunted for them in other cities.

One day he was on the way to Damascus to arrest more followers of Jesus. At midday suddenly a bright light shone on them and they all fell to the ground.

JESUS:

Saul, Saul, why are you attacking me?

SAUL:

Who are you Lord?

JESUS:

I am Jesus who you are attacking.

SAUL:

What do you want me to do?

JESUS:

Get up on your feet. You will serve me telling others about what you have seen. I am going to send you to people who don't know God, to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, that they may be forgiven for their sins. Go into the city and you will be told what to do.

NARRATOR:

Saul could not see because of the bright light so his friends led him by the hand into Damascus where he didn't see anything, or eat or drink for 3 days.

In Damascus there was a good man called Ananias.

JESUS:

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Ananias!

ANANIAS:

Look, I'm here, Lord.

JESUS:

Get up and go to Straight Street.

Go to the Judas home and ask for Saul of Tarsus.

Look, he's been praying and he's had a dream about someone called Ananias coming and putting his hands on him so that he could see again.

ANANIAS (worried):

Lord, I've heard about this guy - he's hurt a lot of people in Jerusalem and now he's come to arrest everybody who calls on your Name.

NARRATOR:

Ananias did go to the house and put his hands on Saul.

ANANIAS:

Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who spoke to you has sent me so that you get back your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

NARRATOR:

Straight away, scales fell from his eyes and he could see.

ANANIAS:

What are you waiting for?

Get up and be baptised, wash away your sins calling on the name of the Lord.

NARRATOR:

Saul was baptised and started to preach that Jesus is the Son of God.

The Jews tried to kill him so he escaped by being lowered over the city wall in a basket.