



Peel Valley Congregation

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Acts 9:1-20 (MEV)

The Conversion of Saul

9 Saul, still breathing out threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, ² and requested letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any there of the Way, either men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ As he went he drew near Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?"

⁵ He said, "Who are You, Lord?"

The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

⁶ Trembling and astonished, he said, "Lord, what will You have me do?" The Lord said to him, "Rise up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but seeing no one.

⁸ Saul rose up from the ground. And when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ A disciple named Ananias was in Damascus. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias."

He said, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Rise and go to Straight Street, and inquire at Judas' house for someone named Saul of Tarsus, for he is praying, ¹² and has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he may see again."

¹³ Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how many evil things he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem.

¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go your way. For this man is a chosen vessel of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and their kings, and before the sons of Israel.

¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

¹⁷ Then Ananias went his way and entered the house. Putting his hands on him, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you came, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁸ Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. And he rose up and was baptized. ¹⁹ When he had eaten, he was strengthened.

Saul Preaches in Damascus

For several days Saul was with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ Immediately he preached in the synagogues that the Christ is the Son of God.

Psalms 30 (MEV)

¹ I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up, and have not caused my foes to rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to You, and You healed me.

³ O LORD, You have brought up my soul from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing to the LORD, O you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

⁵ For His anger endures but a moment, in His favour is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ In my prosperity I said, "I will never be moved."

⁷ LORD, by Your favour You had set me strong as a mountain; You hid Your face, and I was terrified.

⁸ I cried to You, O LORD, and to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust give You thanks? Will it declare Your truth?"

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me; LORD, be my helper."

¹¹ For You have turned my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

¹² so that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Revelations 5:11-14 (MEV)

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voices of many angels, numbering ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

¹² saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that are in them, saying:

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and power, forever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen." And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9 April

~ Barbara Murray

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



PRAYER FOCUS

- We pray for Audrey, Laura and Moses as Audrey faces heart surgery.... or the worry of it being delayed.
- We pray for Jim Newton as he recovers from surgery.
- We pray for rain for our region.
- We pray for each other. As most of our congregation have health issues of some kind, we pray for grace and good humour to deal with these problems.
- Audrey has a heart operation last Thursday. We pray that her health, and growth, will be much improved.
- We thank God for the technology, & doctors who made this possible.



Meg's Musings

This morning I watched as a magpie chased a locust. It was obvious that the magpie thought that the locust would be a very tasty morsel. Maybe the magpie didn't know what a car radiator clogged with locusts smells like !!!

The locust launched itself around all over the place in an attempt to avoid capture. At one stage it landed on the middle of Brisbane Street. The magpie seemed oblivious to potential danger, and was fully focused on catching the locust.

Sometimes I can be a bit like that magpie. I get focused on an issue, a problem or a situation. And rather than stand back and look at the whole situation, I become enmeshed. Sometimes I even lose sight of the fact that God is there, ready to share a different perspective, or to help me to approach it from another direction. Usually it's not a bit deal. But sometimes, like the magpie, I endanger myself by failing to call on God for help.

God is always there, ready to provide wisdom, perspective, support and sensitivity to any of life's conundrums

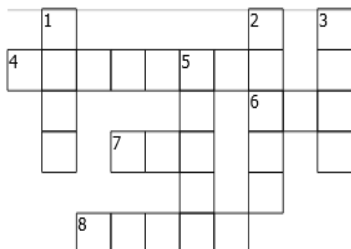
Blessings from Meg



Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. John 21:12 (NIV)

Based on John 21:1-14



ACROSS

- 4. A follower of Jesus
- 6. A large body of salt water smaller than an ocean
- 7. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
- 8. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake

DOWN

- 1. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
- 2. The Son of God
- 3. A small vehicle for traveling on water
- 5. One of Jesus' disciples, a fisherman



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

24 April

John 21:1-9 (MEV)

The Appearance of Jesus to the Seven Disciples

21 After this, Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed Himself this way:

² Simon Peter; Thomas, called The Twin; Nathanael of Cana in Galilee; the sons of Zebedee; and two more of His disciples were together.

³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." Then they said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and immediately entered the boat. But that night they caught nothing.

⁴ When the morning came, Jesus stood on the shore. But the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered Him, "No."

⁶ He said to them, "Throw the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they threw it, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the abundance of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea.

⁸ The other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish. For they were not far from land, but about three hundred feet away.

⁹ When they came to land, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish lying on it, and bread.

"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." ~ Chinese Proverb

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 15 April | 6pm | Hallsville | ~ Rev S Hansford |
| 10 April | 8.30 am | Gowrie | ~ Max Whitten |
| 10 April | 9am | Hallsville | ~ NO SERVICE |
| 10 April | 11am | West | ~ Rev Bill Fischer |

"If you light a lamp for somebody, it will also brighten your path." - Buddha

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."
~ Abraham Lincoln



"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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