

The days after Paul's conversion

Reading:

Acts 9: 18-31

Thinking Questions:

- * Thinking of the wicked plans Saul had, how does this history show us not to despair of God's grace? Would anyone have thought that such a wicked man could yet have been converted? What does that tell us?
- * Why do you think Saul immediately had a desire to preach Christ?
- * Now who became angry at him, and what did they want to do?
- * How did the Christians, who are now his friends, help him out? Would you help others for the sake of religion?
- * How was Paul received by the Christians in Jerusalem? Why was that? How did Barnabas show himself to be a true friend?

Puzzle:

Each time there is a set of 3 questions that all start with the same letter. The verse where you can find the answer is listed behind the question. Then fill your 3 words in the blocks below (you will have to figure out which word fits where).

S

1. As soon as Saul had received meat, he was _____ (19).
2. Immediately after this, he went to preach in the _____ (20).
3. When Paul had gone to Jerusalem, and there spoke about Jesus, the Grecians (Greek speaking Jews) were seeking to _____ him (29).

D

1. Saul stayed certain days with the disciples at _____ (19).
2. Those hearing Saul were amazed, remembering him as the one who _____ them (21).
3. When Saul came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the _____ there, but they were afraid of him (26).

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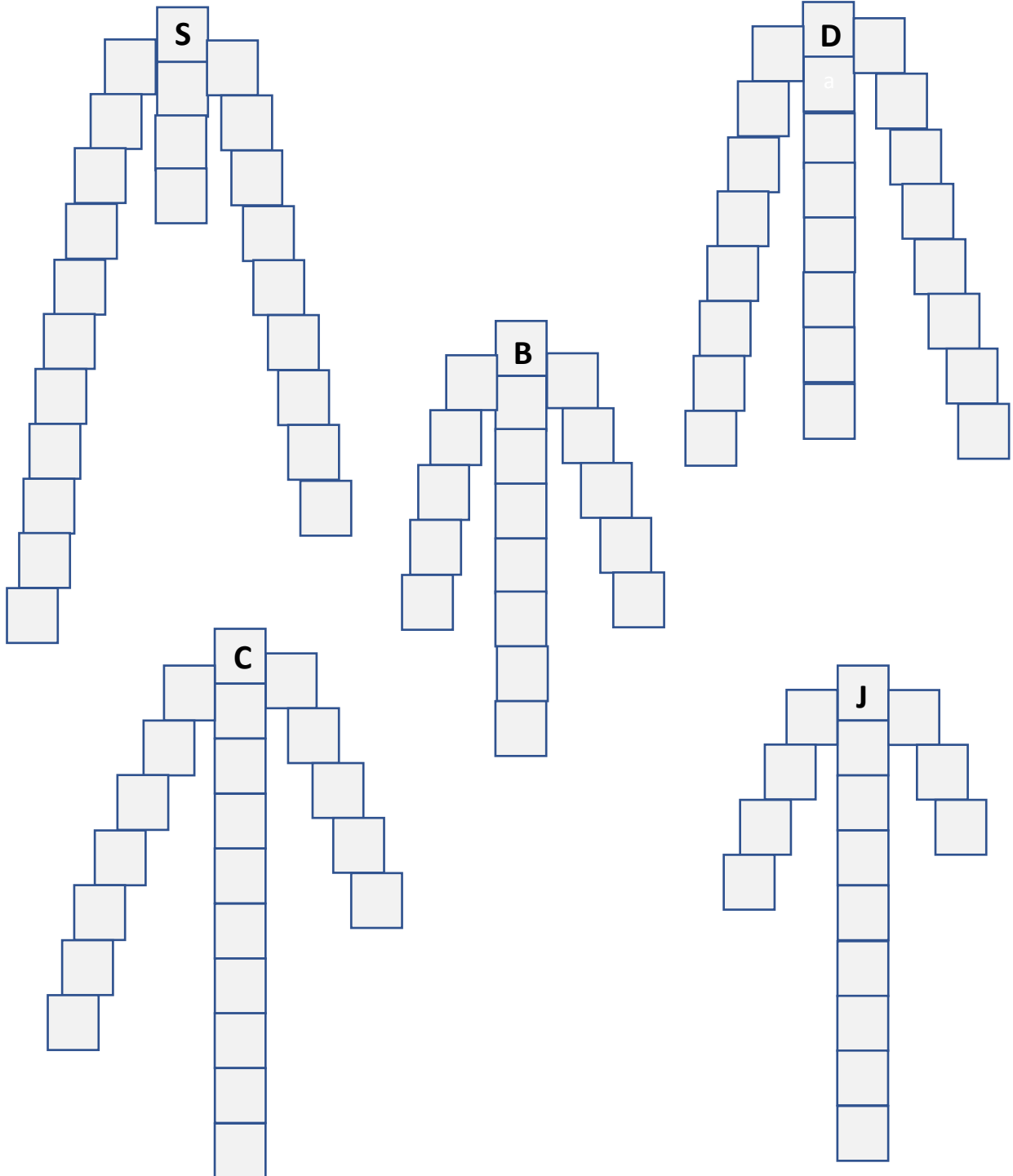
1. After his conversion, Saul straightway preached _____ (20).
2. Saul _____ the Jews at Damascus (22).
3. To keep Saul safe, they brought him to _____, to send him to Tarsus for some time (30).

J

1. After many days, the _____ in Damascus took counsel to kill Saul (23).
2. After Saul escaped from Damascus, he went to _____ (26).
3. Barnabas took Saul to the apostles, where they explained how Saul preached boldly in the name of _____ (27).

B

1. To help Saul escape, he was let down in a _____ at night (25).
2. _____ helped Saul by taking him to the apostles to let him explain what had happened (27).
3. Both in Damascus and Jerusalem it is said of Paul that he preached in what manner of Christ? _____ (29).



Answers:

S

1. Strengthened (left)
2. Synagogues (right)
3. Slay (center)

D

1. Damascus (center)
2. Destroyed (left or right)
3. Disciples (left or right)

C

1. Christ (right)
2. Confounded (center)
3. Caesarea (left)

J

1. Jews (right)
2. Jerusalem (center)
3. Jesus (left)

B

1. Basket (left or right)
2. Barnabas (center)
3. Boldly (left or right)