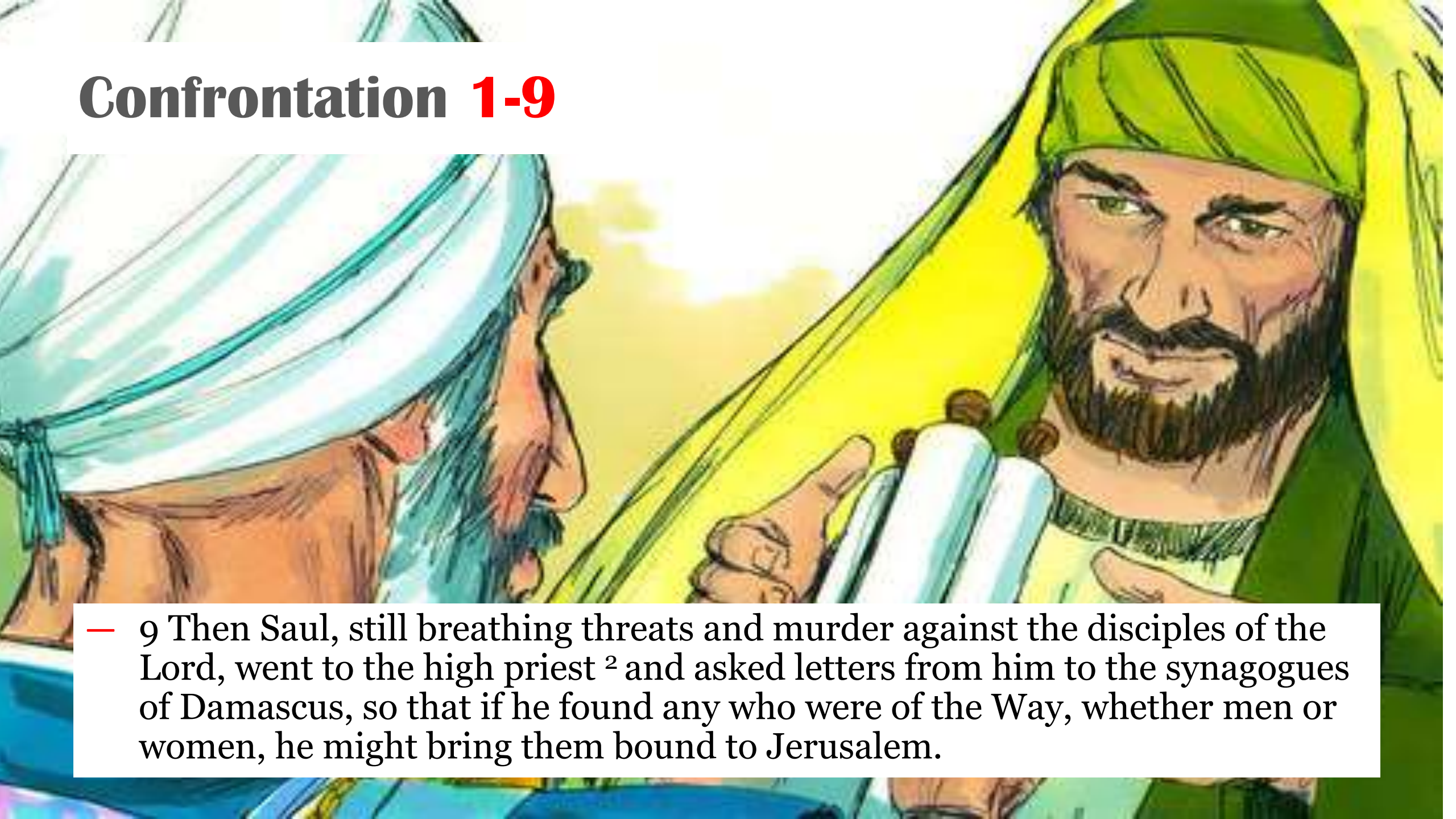




Light on the Damascus Road

Acts 9:1-43

Confrontation 1-9

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- 9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

A stylized map showing the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea in light blue. The land area is yellow. A red dot is placed in the upper right, labeled 'Damascus'. A red dot is placed in the lower center, labeled 'Jerusalem'. A thin black line represents the Jordan River, extending north-south from the Dead Sea area. The Mediterranean Sea is on the left, and the land is on the right.

Damascus

Jerusalem



—As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?”



— Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”



— And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.



Commission **10-19**

—¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”



—¹¹ So the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹² And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”



— Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”



— But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children^[c] of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”



—¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord [\[d\]](#)Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”
¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.



—¹⁹ So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

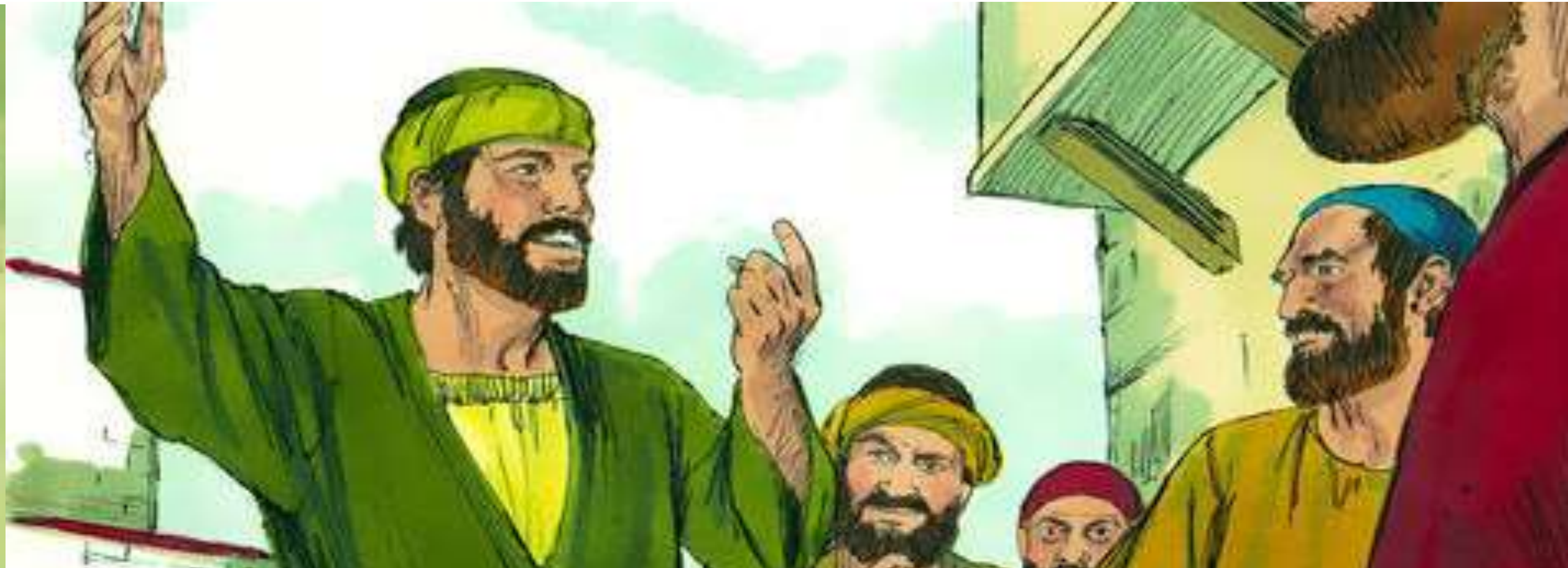
Consternation 20-29



- ²¹ Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?”
- ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.



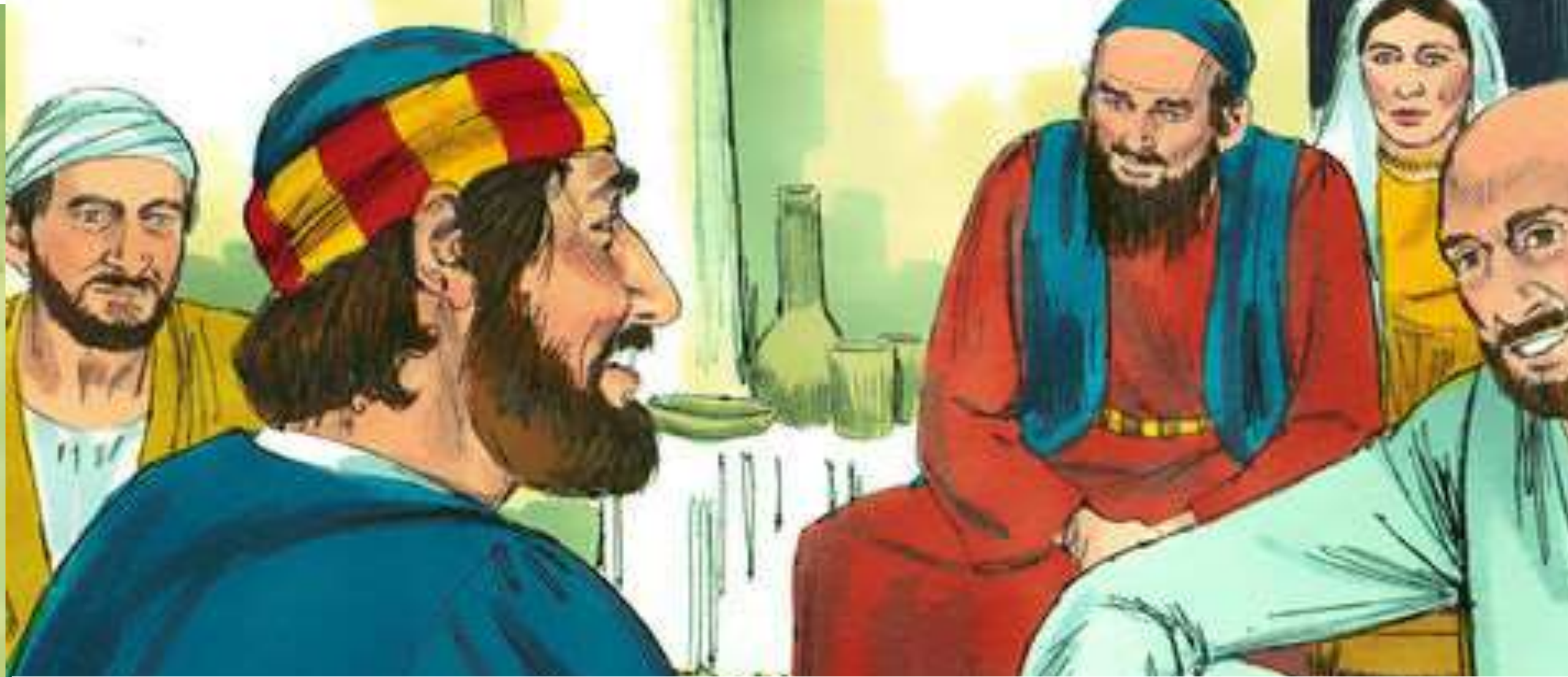
—²³ Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.
²⁴ But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. ²⁵ Then the disciples took him by night and let *him* down through the wall in a large basket.



— And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus..



—²⁸ So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.
²⁹ And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and
disputed against the Hellenists, ^[f] but they attempted to kill him.
³⁰ When the brethren found out, they brought him down to
Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

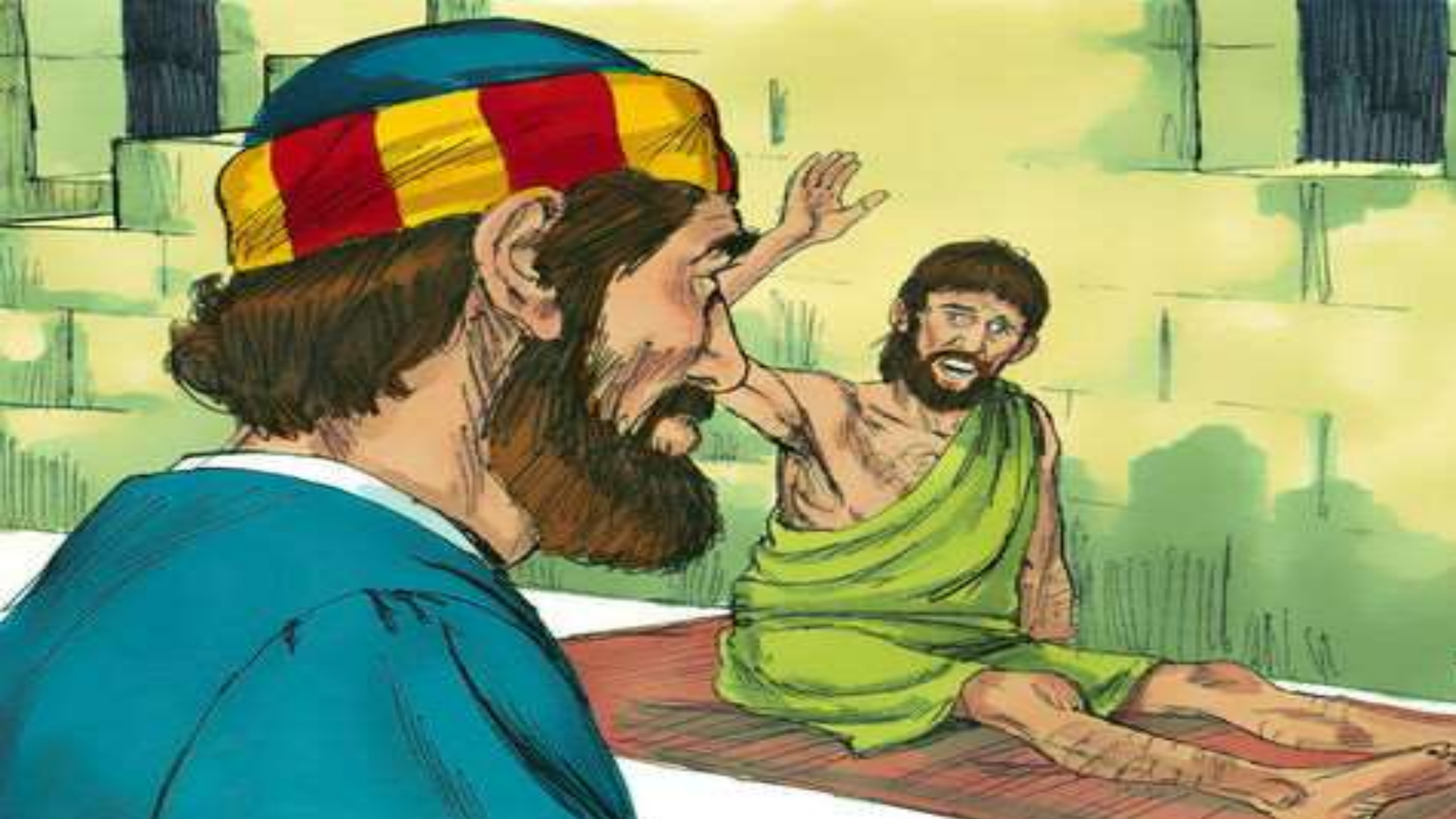


— Then the ^[g]churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. ^[h] And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Confirmation 32-43



—³² Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all *parts of the country*, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.









Joppa

Lydda

Jerusalem



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