

preacher of the name of Jesus! The answer of Jesus was: « Arise and go into the city and there it shall be told thee what thou must do. »

When Paul arose from the ground, his eyes that had contemplated the glory of Jesus, were unable to see earthly things. His companions had to lead him by the hand into the city. There the Lord appeared to a disciple named Ananias and ordered him to go and baptize the converted sinner and he added: « He is to me a vessel of election to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. He shall learn from me how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. » Ananias went to Paul, and restored his sight by laying his hands on him; he baptized him and he was filled with the Holy Ghost. The new disciple at once began to proclaim in the synagogues that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the son of the living God, and he had the glory at his first preaching of exciting that furious hatred of the deicide Jews which was destined to make his life one long martyrdom without ever arresting the words of truth and salvation on his lips.

From Damascus St Paul went to the deserts of Arabia where, during three years, the Holy Ghost himself communicated to him that sublime knowledge of the divine mysteries which was to reveal itself late on in his Epistles and to astonish the greatest minds of all centuries.

On his return to Damascus the Jewish colony, furious at his conversion, undertook to put him to death. He only succeeded in escaping by being let down at night in a basket from the city walls.

Though taught directly by Jesus-Christ, Paul went to Jerusalem to see Peter and do homage to him as head of the Church, and at Antioch, he began his apostolical expeditions that were to bring the idolatrous world to the knowledge of the true God. Such for 30 years was the life of this intrepid preacher. The entire world was the field opened to his zeal.

At various times, he travelled throughout Judaea, Syria, Asia Minor, Greece and Italy; he visited Gaul and Spain. He went from town to town preaching first to the Jews then to the Gentiles. His astonishing success soon excited jealousy and