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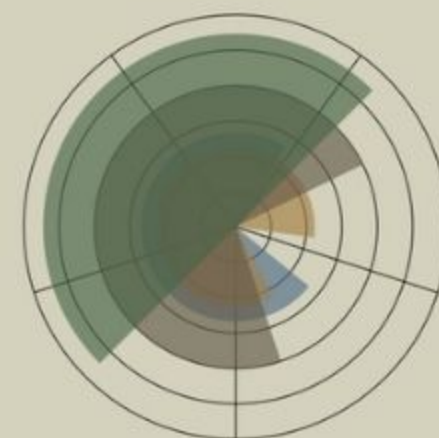
...(they) dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named **Saul**...

¹ And **Saul** approved of their killing him.

³ But **Saul** began to **destroy the church**. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

Acts 7:58; 8:1a, 3 NIV

SERMON NOTES



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Meanwhile, **Saul** was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

ACTS 9:1-2 NIV



As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,
“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

ACTS 9:3-4 NIV



“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. **“I am Jesus,** whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

ACTS 9:5-6 NIV



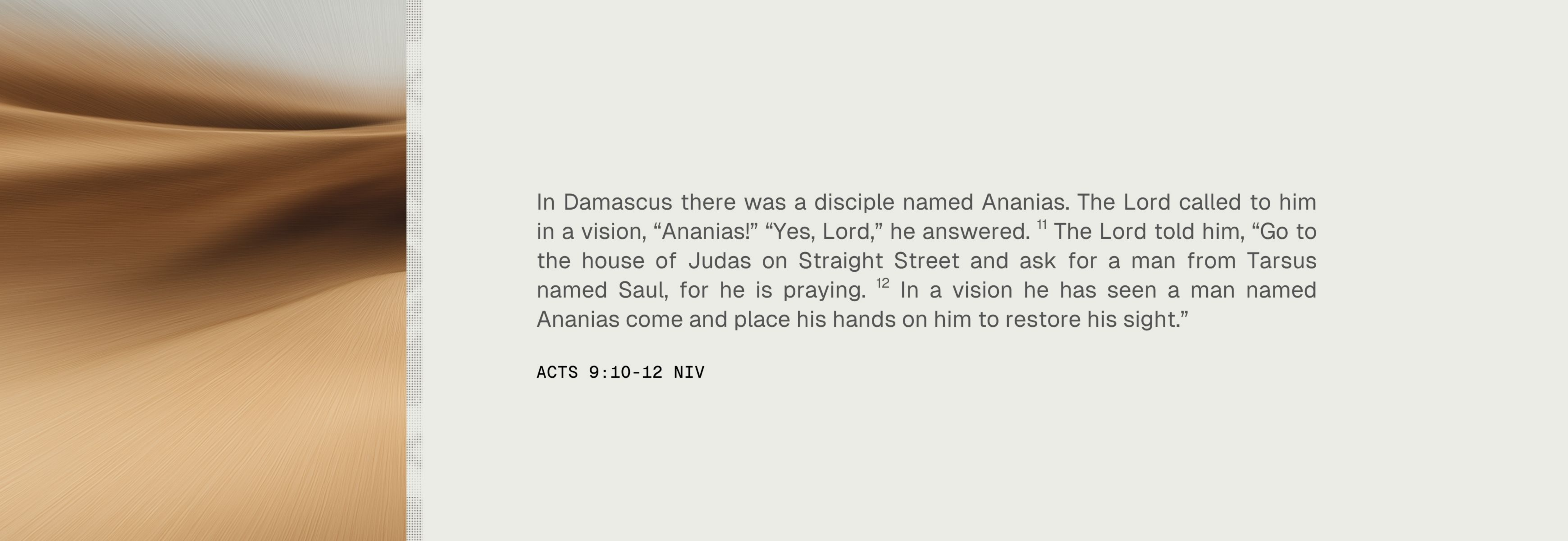
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ACTS 9:7-9 NIV



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ACTS 9:7-9 NIV



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ACTS 9:10-12 NIV



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ACTS 9:10-12 NIV



“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

ACTS 9:13-14 NIV



But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

ACTS 9:15-16 NIV



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ACTS 9:17-19 NIV



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ACTS 9:17-19 NIV



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ACTS 9:1a, 8 NIV



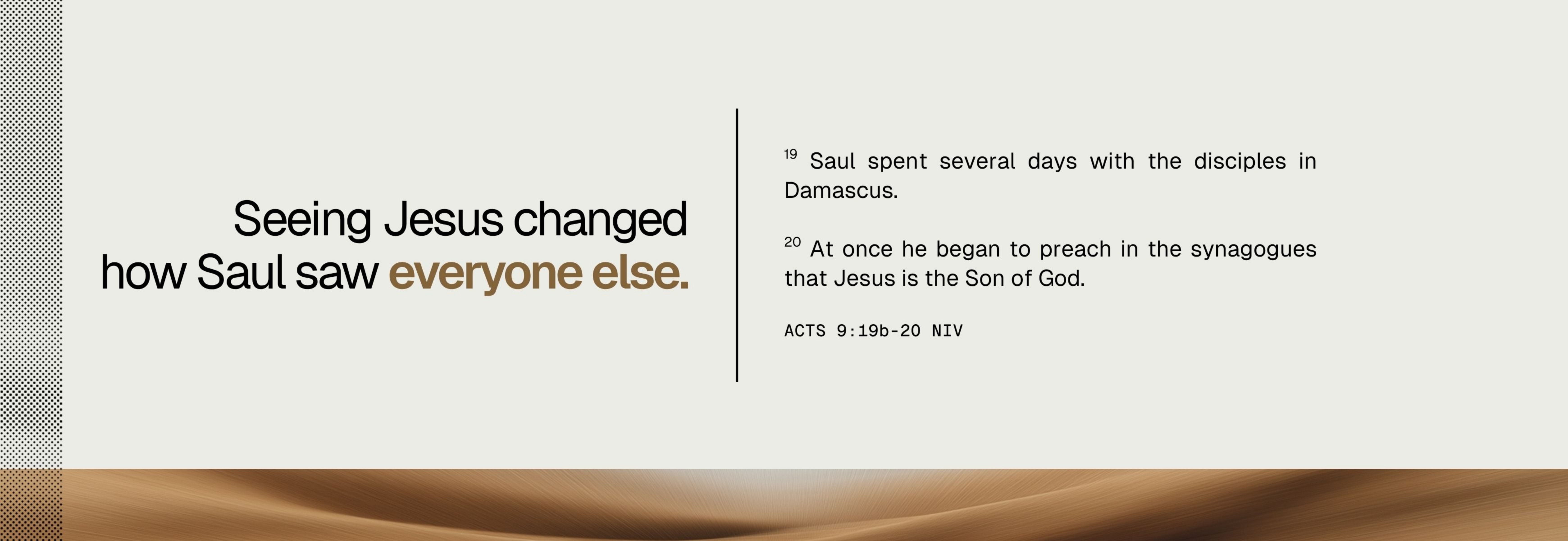


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ACTS 9:5, 20 NIV



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ACTS 9:19b-20 NIV

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