

Words after the Cross
A Word for those Breathing Threats
(Why are you persecuting me?)
Acts 9:1-6

I. The Man Who Had a Plan (vs. 1-2)

"I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities." (Acts 26:9-11)

II. The Man Who Changed the Plan (vs. 3-6)

"you will be told what to do." (vs. 6b)

III. A Word to Us

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (vs. 5b)

Point to Ponder: How much do we allow our union with Christ to shape how we see ourselves and understand the events of our life? If we really knew that Christ Jesus takes what happens to us personally, how might this truth change our prayers?

Next Week: Next Sunday we will conclude our sermon series *Words after the Cross*, by considering **Acts 9:10-16** 'A Word for The Cautious.'

