



**June 18-24, 2017**

**Text: Acts 22:3-11**

**ACTS-ION: The Dynamic Life  
of Christ's Church - Then and Now**

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**RELATED BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK** [The readings this week will be related to the two critical questions Paul asked of Jesus – *Who are You, Lord?* and *What shall I do, Lord?*.]

*Monday, June 19* – **Luke 8:22-25** [By the time of this episode Jesus' disciples have already seen Him heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead. Yet, after Jesus calms a raging storm with a word, they ask, "Who is this?" It is a reminder that we can, and should, continue to know more of the greatness of our Lord.]

*Tuesday, June 20* – **Isaiah 43:1-13** [This passage in Isaiah is a reminder that God makes Himself known as creator, redeemer, and sustainer. There are veiled references to Messiah in this passage, fulfilled in Jesus.]

*Wednesday, June 21* – **Hebrews 1** [The Christians to whom this letter was written were being threatened with false teaching that undermined who Jesus was. This opening chapter paves the way for a letter that helps readers then and now understand who Jesus really is and all that He has done for us.]

*Thursday, June 22* – **Matthew 23:1-24** [Jesus' response to the Pharisees who sought to kill Him is very strong. They thought they were serving God by what they did. However, because they didn't rightly understand Jesus, who was fulfilling the law, they badly missed what God wanted them to do. Knowing who Jesus truly is leads to right living.]

*Friday, June 23* – **Micah 6:1-8** [The people of Israel had forgotten who God really was. God reminds them here of how He rescued them. The appropriate response is seen in the classic v.8. This is to be our response as well to Jesus rescuing us from our sin.]

*Saturday, June 24* – **Matthew 16:13-20** [In Jesus' day there were lots of opinions about who He is – most of them mistaken. But Peter got it right – and that only because of the Father's revelation to Peter of His Son. This is why a good continuing prayer is to pray, "Father, show me more of who Jesus is, and how I might follow Him."]



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