

# Where Would We Be

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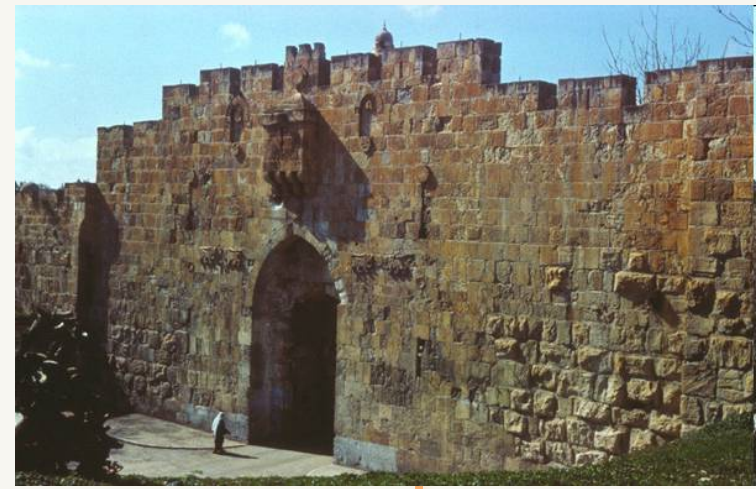
# Saul's Conversion

## a. Saul: Persecutor

### ***(1 Responsible Young Man***

“Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. **And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.** And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not charge them with this sin.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

**Acts 7:57-60 compare with Acts 22:20**



## ***(2 Approving Young Man***

**“Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to *his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.” Acts 8:1-2**

## ***(3 Fanatical Young Man***

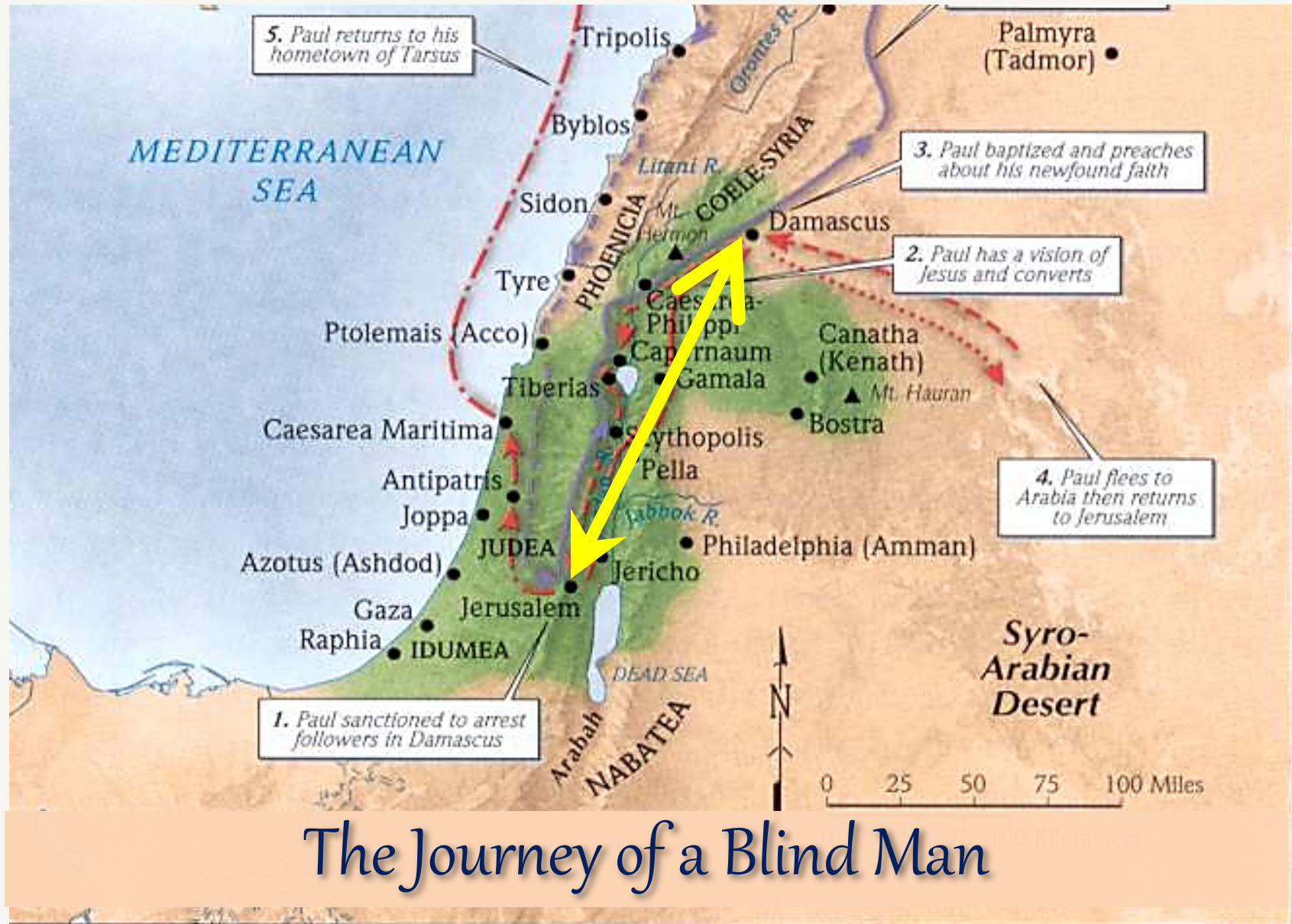
**“As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.” Acts 8:3**

**Acts 26:9-11; Galatians 1:13-14, 21-24**

## **Though Forgiven By God, Paul Never Forgot His Youthful Sins**

**“And when the blood of Your martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by consenting to his death, and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.” Acts 22:20**

**“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 1:12-14**



## The Journey of a Blind Man

b. Saul: Penitent in Acts

**9:1-2||22:3-5||26:9-11||Galatians 1:13**

**Savage** with Jewish opposition



**Not Saved Here**

**9:3-9||22:6-11 Smitten**

Jesus took it **personally**; Saul sent into city;  
Saul took it **personally**

## **9:10-16||26:12-18 Sent**

Ananias-Jesus sent him;  
Scared of Saul's reputation;  
Jesus saw potential in Saul



## **9:17-19||22:12-16||Romans 6:3-7 Strong**

Cleared his eyes;  
Cleared his heart in baptism;  
Cleared his strength afterward



## **Are You *Worst Than The Worst?***

**“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life”**

**1 Timothy 1:15-16**

**“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”**

**Mark 16:15-16**