

LITTLE BIG MAN
ACTS 9:15 / 2-23-20 / P.M.

I. HIS LIFE.

A. Paul's Background.

1. From tribe of Benjamin (Phil. 3:5).
2. Well educated by famous rabbi Gamaliel (Acts 22:3).
3. Pharisee—Phil 3:4b-5
4. Free-born Roman citizen (Acts 22:25).
5. Came from Tarsus—Northeastern shore of Med. Sea.
6. Tentmaker by trade (Acts 18:3).
7. Influential among Jerusalem Jewish sect—Acts 9:1-2.
8. Persecuted Christians—Acts 7:58, 8:1-3.

B. His Conversion.

1. Miraculous vision of Christ—Acts 9:3-9.
2. Commissioned as Apostle to Gentiles—Acts 9:10-19.
3. Immediately started preaching—Acts 9:20-22.
4. Jews began a lifelong persecution of him—Acts 9:23-25.
5. Christians initially skeptical of him until Barnabas stood up for him—Acts 9:26-30.

6. Traveled to Arabia (The Desert) for solitude and reflection—Gal. 1:17.
 7. Barnabas went to solicit his help in Tarsus—Acts 11:26.
 8. Took financial aid to Jerusalem (Acts 11:29-30).
 9. Church at Antioch sent he and Barnabas on their first missionary journey—Acts 13:1-3.
- C. His Missionary Journeys.
1. First (Acts 13:2-15:35) (Acts 15 Jerusalem Council)
 2. Second (Acts 15:36-18:22)
 3. Third (Acts 18:23-21:14)
- D. His trials and death.
1. Arrested and tried by Jewish officials in Judea (Acts 23-26).
 2. Sent to Rome and placed under house arrest but chained to a soldier (Eph. 6:20) for two years (Acts 27-28). Wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.
 3. May have conducted missionary journey to Spain after his release—Romans 15:24.
 4. Released and rearrested by Rome where he was martyred by Nero around 67 A.D. Wrote Titus, 1 & 2 Timothy—2 Tim. 4:6-9, 18.