

On trial!



Paul has been in prison for two years and finally speaks to the governor. What will he tell him about his life? Solve the code to find the first part of Paul's story.



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When Paul told his story, it made people think about Jesus. Think about what difference knowing Jesus makes to you. Write your 'story' here.

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27a

Answer: I was a Pharisee (v5) I was against Jesus from Nazareth (v9) I put many of God's people in prison (v10) I was so angry that I looked for them in foreign cities (v11)

Turning point

Saul to Paul

Before



I hate Christians - Christians make me sick,
I kill Christians. Slowly, never quick.
I'm going to Damascus, it really will be great,
I'm rushing to Damascus, I'm blowed if I'll be late!
I'm quite a special person, important, don't you know?
I've got a special letter from my leaders that says, 'Go!
Travel to Damascus and take some soldiers too,
For there in dark Damascus there's some urgent work to do!
I'm going to Damascus, it really will be great.
I'm going to Damascus, I really cannot wait,
For down in dark Damascus I have a pressing date -
There are Christians in Damascus whom I have to terminate.
I'm going to Damascus and I'm going to have some fun,
I'm going to Damascus and when my work is done,
There'll be no talk of Jesus, of overcoming death.
Dear Christian, when I get there, you will draw your final breath.

The event

'Stop this murderous nonsense Saul and let these Christians be
To stamp out Christianity you'll have to stamp out Me.
Why do you keep resisting when you clearly hear My voice?
Why do you keep refusing when you have no better choice?
Why do you keep denying that it's Me you're trying to kill?
This violence and murder is no way the Father's will!
Dear Saul, how I could use you, if you'd only follow Me,
You'd be so very useful if you'd let Me set you free.
So how about it brother - could this be a time to turn?
You think you are so clever, but you've got so much to learn.
If you let My Spirit teach you and you always toe the line,
You will have no cause to worry for your future will be Mine.'



After



'As I was saying, King Agrippa, the Lord spoke straight to me,
A light shone out of heaven and I fell down on one knee.
A voice spoke very clearly and I asked, 'Who are you?'
I'm the Lord,' the voice responded. Your majesty, it's true!
God spoke to me directly and I didn't hesitate
To do the things He told me and since then my life's been great.
Your majesty, I hope my words will make you stop and think.
These people want to set me up and drive me to the brink.
The accusations that they make are nothing more than lies,
Your majesty, I know you've learned a lot and really are quite wise,
The truth of what I'm telling you of Christ and all He did,
From fools like my accusers will always be well hid.
But those who truly seek Him and follow Him like me,
Enjoy a life of happiness of peace and liberty.'

And God is still the same today - He'll take a modern Saul
And if we'll only let Him, make a better modern Paul.