



PAUL OF TARSUS

- Born in Tarsus, which is located in modern-day Turkey on the Mediterranean Sea. Although this was not really a Jewish city, it had a significant Jewish community, of which Paul's family was a part (see Acts 22:3).
 - Grew up in a very Jewish home; his dad was a Pharisee—an educated and dedicated student of the Jewish laws (see Acts 23:6).
 - Was taught by Gamaliel, the chief leader of the Pharisees in Jerusalem (see Philippians 3:5).
 - Zealous for the Jewish faith and highly committed to its teachings (see Galatians 1:14).
 - Held the coats of the men who stoned Stephen, the first Christian martyr (see Acts 7:58).
 - Had warrants for the arrest and imprisonment of the believers (see Acts 9:1-2).
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