

## NEWS

### India: Ahmedabad - A Tribute to St. Paul (2009-02-13)



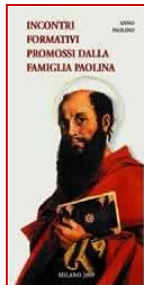
The Pauline Year is a great blessing to the Universal Church and to the Pauline Family throughout the world. For the FSPs of Ahmedabad, it was a dream come true when, with profound gratitude, love and devotion toward our Father, we were invited to perform a shadow play on St. Paul at the Ahmedabad Town Hall, on the occasion of Annual Deanery awards to outstanding achievers in various fields such as studies, sports, etc.

The play, which was performed in Hindi and which featured excellent light effects and music, was very well received by the public.

The initiative and support of our sisters, combined with the wholehearted commitment and zeal of our cooperators, were well-rewarded. The voice recording was done at the Gurjarvani Studio. Mr. Mark rendered an appropriate musical note at every scene transition, allowing the emotions of the actors to come alive for the audience. Afterward, the play was performed at Loyola High School Ahmedabad and then for the Mission Congress of Gujarat at Nadiad.

Now the FSPs have been invited to perform the play at St. Paul Church in Sabarmati for the Feast of St. Paul.

### Italy: Milan - Three Formation Meetings on Paul (2009-02-13)



The Society of St. Paul and the Daughters of St. Paul based in Milan have organized a series of meetings on St. Paul to be held in the first half of 2009.

Guided by experts, the encounters will focus on significant aspects of the Apostle's personality and life so as to help every believer turn to the Apostle for courage, strength, commitment and fidelity in witnessing to faith in Christ Jesus in today's world.

At the first meeting, which will be held on 16 February, Bishop Severino Dianich, a renowned ecclesiologist, will speak on the theme, "*Creation, Humanity and the Church: from Paul to the Church of Today.*"

On 20 March, Msgr. Romano Penna and Professor Gian Enrico Rusconi, will guide a reflection on the subject, "*Paul and the Word of the Cross: the Wisdom and Foolishness of God; the Wisdom and Foolishness of the World.*" On 14 May, Enzo Bianchi, Prior of Bose Monastery, will explore the theme "*The Unfathomable Riches of Christ in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.*"

The initiative, which is part of the program of activities of the Pauline Family of Italy to celebrate the bi-millennium of the Apostle's birth, will be held in the Fr. Alberione Auditorium of the St. Paul Periodicals establishment in Milan.

### Portugal: Fatima - National Celebration of the Pauline Year (2009-02-12)



On the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, more than 10,000 pilgrims gathered at the world-famous Marian Shrine of Fatima to participate in a Eucharistic Liturgy presided over by the Cardinal of Lisbon and his concelebrants: the Apostolic Nunzio, 25 bishops and more than 200 priests.

In his introduction to the Liturgy, Chaldean-rite Bishop Antoine Audo of Aleppo, Syria offered the faithful a very clear explanation of the binomial "Fatima-Paul," saying that, like the Damascus event, Mary's message to the world was that everyone should do penance and convert their lives. Both Damascus and Fatima should prompt us to re-

examine our own “conversion” so as to see the loving hand of God at work in our life and, as a result, show the world how to genuinely grow in faith.

The program of this special pilgrimage to Fatima opened on the evening of 24 January with a prayer vigil that lasted until midnight. A significant number of young people participated in this service. The next day, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, began with a recitation of the “Pauline rosary” guided by the Society of St. Paul, Daughters of St. Paul and Pious Disciples in the Apparition Chapel.

Besides the presence of a bishop from Paul’s part of the world at the Eucharistic Celebration, a very meaningful and moving moment of the Liturgy occurred when, just before the Offertory Rite, the director of the Sanctuary reminded the faithful of the “Church of Portugal” that their offerings would be donated to the Bishop of Damascus in imitation of the offerings Paul had collected on his trips for the Church of Jerusalem.

That afternoon, the Daughters of St. Paul collaborated with others in presenting a “re-enactment” of the Damascus event, which was staged in the new Church of the Trinity, gloriously illuminated by the splendid mosaics of Fr. Marko Ivan Rupnik. In spite of the fact that the church can hold 9,000 people, there were not enough seats for everyone—it was a true case of “standing room only.”

This special initiative, broadcast by Catholic radio station Renascença and followed by many unable to attend the event, was then enriched by the showing of a film based on the documentary “Paul: From Tarsus to the World,” produced by the Daughters of St. Paul, and by a concert by the “Shepherds of Fatima Children’s Choir” and the Choir of the Porto Cathedral. The songs alternated with readings from the Letters of St. Paul by two well-known local actors: Ruy de Carvolaho and Paulo Mira Coelho.

At the end of the evening, Fr. Manuel Morujao, sj, the head of the committee that organized the pilgrimage, warmly thanked the Daughters of St. Paul for their contribution to the event and described the Pauline mission in the world of communication very effectively to the people.

#### **Congo R. D.: Lubumbashi – FSPs Awarded for Bible Dissemination (2009-02-12)**



“They are the best propagators of the Word of God”: this is how the Bible *Alliance of the Republic of the Congo* described the FSPs of Lubumbashi, the country’s second most important city, in awarding them a diploma for their valuable apostolic service.

In fact, after the recent Synod of Bishops on the Word of God (Rome, 5-26 October 2008), our sisters in the Congo gave even greater thrust to the Pauline mission of promoting and disseminating the Word in all its forms. To cite just one example: during the Christmas season, they created two very original nativity scenes: one for their chapel and another for their book center window display.

In both scenes, the grotto where Jesus was born was fashioned from texts of the Bible in different languages. Many people were drawn to the unique displays and quite a number of them, despite their poverty, purchased copies of the Bible in French, local dialects or other translations.

#### **Congo R. D.: Kinshasa - More Co-Workers for the Gospel (2009-02-11)**



During a solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Church of St. Dominic, Kinshasa on 25 January, Dominique Ingala and François Nsoki made their Promise as Pauline Cooperators following a period of intense formation and preparation.

The beautifully-decorated church was filled with an atmosphere of joy and hope as the two candidates, accompanied by the Daughters of St. Paul, publicly declared their intention to dedicate their lives to God as members of the Pauline Cooperators Association. It was clear to all those attending the ceremony that the

commitment of the new Cooperators sprang from a specific call from God.

In fact, as Blessed James Alberione, the Founder of the Pauline Family, said: “The lay person at the service of the Church is a bridge between God and humanity. There is a great split between the Church and society and the lay apostolate bridges this gap, thus helping society return to its covenant with God.”

#### **France: Marseilles – Two Exhibits to Celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (2009-02-11)**



To celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the FSPs of Marseilles, France invited their friends, collaborators and fellow-parishioners to participate in a two-day itinerary brimming over with prayer, reflection and activities designed to help them get to know the Apostle better.

On Sunday, 25 January, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the day’s program included songs, readings and music inspired by the Acts of the Apostles. This

was followed by a viewing of the documentary, Paul: From Tarsus to the World, and then a time of prayer and reflection on the theme of the day.

On Tuesday, 27 January, a performance entitled, From Saul to Paul, was staged in our FSP book center. Afterward, about 30 guests reflected on the figure of the great Apostle as presented through poems, pictures, music and the testimonies of persons such as John Paul II, Teilhard de Chardin, Etty Ellsunn and Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Participants in the events of both days included both young adults and older people, some of whom knew one another, others who were happy to make new acquaintances, but all united by their shared love of the Apostle Paul.

### **Brazil: São Paulo – National Convention for Our Pauline Apostolic Centers (2009-02-11)**



A National Convention for the managers, supervisors and promoters of the FSP book center network and of the writing, production and marketing sectors of the apostolate was held in our St. Paul Retreat House, Sao Paulo, Brazil from 5-11 February 2009.

About 65 FSPs and their lay co-workers participated in the event, whose purpose was to upgrade the presence of our St. Paul Multimedia Publishing House, give a new thrust to our mission, and make our Pauline apostolic

centers more suited to meetings, dialogue and pastoral service. Sr. Marlene Konzen, FSP provincial councilor, coordinated the encounter with the help of a group of FSPs and management experts.

The encounter gave priority to studying the most important evangelizations projects being promoted by the Local Church, such as the National Catechetical Year, the Synod on the Word of God, the Mission of the Church in Latin America and the Pauline Year. Our sisters also devoted special study to the ongoing formation of their personnel, with particular emphasis on leadership training, the analysis of trends, the future of diffusion in Brazil, and how to adapt their style of management to the needs of modern society.

In her opening address, Sr. Eide de Bortoli, provincial superior, who presided over the assembly, underscored two important points to keep in mind in carrying out the Pauline apostolate today:

1. the importance of getting to know the needs of our receivers;
2. the importance of getting to know our products so as to offer material suitable to the needs and requests of the people.

“We live in a time in which it is necessary to strengthen, reinvigorate, deepen and re-vitalize the roots of the Pauline mission,” Sr. Eide said. “The life-giving lymph of the apostolate is the grace of God and our existential relationship with Jesus Christ. The work we do is not just any job, carried out in order to meet our daily needs. Instead we are proclaiming the revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ through the dissemination of his saving Word. If we want to proclaim Christ and share his message with others, then it is essential that each of us have a personal relationship with him.”

### **Madagascar: Antananarive - Tension and Conflict in the Capital (2009-02-09)**



The current political situation in Madagascar is tense and complex.

The problem began on 26 January when Andry Rajoelina, the mayor of Antananarive, publicly accused President Marc Ravalomanana of “mispending funds and threatening democracy.”

Fides News Service reports that the crisis accelerated and became more complicated when Mayor Andry Rajoelina was fired by the President.

In his Angelus message on Sunday, 8 February, Pope Benedict XVI reminded

everyone that the recent violence resulted in at least 40 deaths when troops in anti-riot gear opened fire on demonstrators supporting the capital’s ex-mayor.

The residence and book center of the Daughters of St. Paul, who have been in Madagascar since 1983, are located in the capital’s main square, which is also the municipal headquarters and the site of the protests.

Our sisters write:

“Sunday morning, 8 February.

“After a mostly sleepless night due to the fact that we were continually jerked awake by even the slightest sound, morning finally arrived!

“Roadblocks are still in place all over the city, but at least things seem to be calm now.

“When we went downstairs, we saw that the protective metal grills over the book center door and windows had been bent out of shape—probably an attempted break-in during the confusion generated by the crowds of people fleeing the square. We called a repair company but today is Sunday. The

situation is further complicated by the fact is that right now people are afraid to approach this part of the city. Maybe the repairman will come tomorrow.

"We have no idea of what the coming week will hold."

Let us offer our prayers of support for our sisters, the Malagasy people and all those who are working to restore peace and civil order to this very tense city.

### **Philippines: Manila - Solemn Celebration of the Pauline Jubilee Year (2009-02-09)**



The Pauline Family orchestrated the celebration of the Pauline Jubilee Year festivities held in Araneta Coliseum on 25 January 2009, *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*. The event was graced by the presence of religious leaders of other Christian denominations and some of their members. Since it coincided with the culmination of Bible Week and Ecumenical Week, the celebration opened with the solemn enthronement of the Bible in an ecumenical service led by the president of the Catholic Bishops'

Conference of the Philippines and Archbishop Angel Lagdameo of the Jaro diocese.

Many bishops from around the country concelebrated the Eucharistic Liturgy, presided over by Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, Archbishop of Manila. The Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, His Eminence Edward Joseph Adams, opened the Eucharistic Celebration with a brief address. In his homily Bishop Arturo Bastes, Chairman of the Commission on the Biblical Apostolate, highlighted the theme of the event: "*I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for the salvation of all*" (Rom 1:16), emphasizing the need for renewal in the Church based on the model of St. Paul, the Apostle to the nations.

The beautiful music and songs provided by the hundred-member choir from St. Paul University run by the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres and by the charismatic group, Rivers of Living Water, which also performed several vibrant liturgical dances, all contributed to the liveliness of the celebration. Before the final blessing, Bishop Honesto Ongtioco of the Diocese of Cubao, the host diocese for the event, gave the plenary indulgence to all those who participated in the celebration, including those who participated via TV or radio.

Bo Sanchez, a well-known lay preacher, delivered a conference on the topic, "*The Gospel: The Power of God*," followed by Bishop Chito Tagle of the Diocese of Imus, who spoke about "*St. Paul: Apostle of the Gospel to the Nations*."

The entire event was aired live over Radio Veritas while Studio 23 gave a two-hour live nationwide telecast of the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration.

### **Congo R. D.: Lubumbashi – First Pauline Cooperators in Katanga (2009-02-07)**



On 25 January, a solemn Mass for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul was celebrated in St. Paul parish, Lubumbashi. On display in the festively-decorated church were pictures of St. Paul the Apostle, Blessed James Alberione (Founder of the Pauline Family) and Sr. Thecla Merlo (Co-Foundress of the Daughters of St. Paul), together with symbols of the Pauline mission. During the Eucharistic Celebration, three young men made their Promises as Pauline Cooperators: Albert Mufuta, who works in our Pauline

Book & Media Center; Valentin Juma, a librarian who also tapes diocesan radio programs in our small FSP broadcasting room, and Anour Kandji, a doctor who also conducts a radio program for young people. With great joy, the Daughters of St. Paul, in the name of Paulines everywhere, welcomed these three new Cooperators—the first in Lubumbashi—into the Pauline Family. The public emission of their promises marked the culmination of a long journey for the three young men, who have spent the past 10 years being formed by the FSPs and collaborating with them.

Supported by their relatives, friends and the Daughters of St. Paul, the three new Cooperators have now enthusiastically begun a new stage of their lives, saying they are proud to be the "roots" of the Pauline Cooperators Association in Katanga province. They feel a strong responsibility to help the Association grow into the great tree Fr. Alberione envisioned—one that, with the help of future Cooperators, will be able to offer the "shade" of rest and renewed vigor to many people through their efforts to disseminate the Word of God always more effectively and efficiently.



### Italy: Rome - Anniversary of the Death of Venerable Thecla Merlo (2009-02-06)



On the evening of 5 February 2009, numerous Daughters of St. Paul and representatives of the other Institutes of the Pauline Family gathered in the Crypt of the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary, Rome for a solemn Eucharistic Celebration commemorating the death of Venerable Sr. Thecla Merlo. As Superior General Sr. M. Antonietta Bruscato said in her introduction to the Liturgy, everyone was there to celebrate the anniversary of the “birth to heaven” of the Co-Foundress of the Daughters of St. Paul: a model of Pauline holiness and an extremely faithful and intelligent collaborator of Blessed James Alberione—a woman who dedicated her life to seeking and doing the will of God.

In his homily, Fr. Attilio Monge, ssp, the main celebrant of the Liturgy, said that Thecla did not bring the Institute a dowry of money or material goods, but offered the Founder the gift of her joy and trust. She dedicated her entire being to proclaiming the Gospel and became “an example of joyous love of God.” In fact, he asserted, speaking about her during this Eucharistic Celebration was like intoning the “Magnificat” so as to thank the Lord for the marvels he accomplished in her life.

Fr. Monge then drew a parallel between St. Agatha (whose feast day falls on 5 February) and Sr. Thecla, saying that “Agatha” means “good” and that Thecla was also “good” but not in the sense of being overly-pliant or weak. Agatha was victorious in martyrdom, as was Thecla, who suffered “martyrdom” in her own way.

### Philippines: Cagayan – Tingog Pamilya Receives Award (2009-02-05)



*Tingog Pamilya*, an hour-long weekly radio program produced by the Daughters of St. Paul and aired over RMN-DXCC, Cagayan de Oro City, received a Community Service Award on 19 Dec. 2008 from the Xavier University Department of Psychology and Guidance for the spiritual, psychological and legal help it offers its listeners.

*Tingog Pamilya (Voice of the Family)*, which explores different issues related to life and to the family, is a venue by means of which families can unload their problems. Insights and practical solutions are proposed by experts with extensive experience in Family Life Ministry. The panelists are usually composed of a lawyer, a psychologist, a guidance counselor, a priest and a member of a religious institute.

Sr. Maryanne Padilla, who directs the program, is the coordinator of the Media Apostolate of Social Communications Ministry in the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro.

### Italy: Caserta - Pauline Marathon (2009-02-04)



To celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (25 Jan.) and also the Feast of St. Francis De Sales (24 Jan.), the patron of journalists and communications workers, the FSPs of Caserta, Italy organized a marathon reading of all the Letters of St. Paul, aimed at offering the public not only a time of religious reflection but also a cultural experience.

The “marathon weekend” initiated on Saturday afternoon, 31 January, in the library of the Caserta Seminary, with a ceremony in which Giovanni Minoli (a journalist and the director of Italy’s educational TV channel) and Fr. Rosario Giuè (a theologian and the author of a biography on the life of Fr. Giuseppe Diana, a young Casertan priest killed by the camorra) received the Buone Notizie Civitas Casertana Award.

The festivities then moved to the San Vitaliano Hermitage, where the diocesan choir offered the public a lively concert. At midnight a reading of the Letters of St. Paul began, continuing without interruption throughout the night and finishing on Sunday morning. Those not able to attend the marathon were able to follow it live via the Internet.

The Scripture reading and initiatives connected to it, which received both regional and national press coverage, were offered to everyone gratis thanks to the support of many volunteers and several sponsors, including the FSP and SSP book centers.

### South Africa: Johannesburg – Celebrating the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (2009-02-03)



On 24 January, the FSPs of Johannesburg, South Africa held a meeting in their Pauline Book & Media Center to celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Guest speaker Fr. Gerhard Hattingh, a Pauline scholar, spoke on the theme, *St. Paul in the Letter to the Colossians, with special reference to Co. 1:24 and the role of suffering in our life*. Impressed by Fr. Hattingh’s professional

competence and pastoral sensitivity, the participants afterward thanked him for helping them come to a greater understanding of one of the more difficult aspects of St. Paul's theology. Prior to the conference, our sisters offered the group a power point presentation of *Paul's conversion and call*. They were very encouraged by the fact that more than 90 people (both religious and laity) attended the encounter and that many afterward asked to be kept informed about future book center initiatives. The first event programmed by our sisters of Johannesburg to celebrate the Pauline Year took place on 19 July 2008. On this occasion, Fr. Nicholas King, sj, a noted biblical scholar who teaches Sacred Scripture at Oxford University, England, delivered a conference on the theme *Paul and His Mission Today*. This conference too was very well attended—in fact, our sisters tell us that over 100 participants filled every corner of the book center.

Other events are scheduled for the coming months to help the laity get to better know Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles.

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**Video Gallery - Tecla Merlo, una vita per il Vangelo (2009-02-04)**

**Podcast Gallery - Homily of Fr. Attilio Monge, ssp, on the Anniversary of the Death of Venerable Thecla Merlo (2009-02-06)**

## DATA BANK

**Italy: Message of His Holiness Benedict XVI for Lent 2009 (2009-02-04)**

**Section Co-workers –Paul arrives in Rome as a prisoner for the sake of Christ (cf Acts 21:15-28,30) (2009-02-16)**



St. Paul arrives in Rome  
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Paul wanted to take the Gospel to Rome and, with the help of the Christians in this city, to then go on to Spain (cf. Rm. 1:10, 15:23-24). He succeeded in reaching the capital of the Empire, but he arrived as a prisoner. After his arrest in the Temple of Jerusalem, he asked to speak to the crowd. He told them what had happened to him en route to Damascus, explaining that he too was a Jew, born and raised in the Diaspora. He assured them that he was firmly attached to the Jewish Faith, to the point that he had relentlessly persecuted the Christians. With deep emotion, he recounted his meeting with the Lord Jesus on the way to Damascus and

how this event had changed his life, but his testimony did not move his listeners. Indeed, the only thing that prevented the Apostle from being flogged was his unexpected revelation that he was a Roman citizen. This news came as a shock to the tribune who had arrested him and he immediately released Paul from his chains. The next day, the Apostle appeared before the entire Sanhedrin. Aware that his accusers included both Sadducees and Pharisees, he set one group against the other by declaring that he was on trial because of his hope in the resurrection—a belief sustained by the Pharisees but rejected by the Sadducees. The two groups began to dispute with each other and their accusations against Paul came to nothing (Acts 23:17). That night, the Lord appeared to Paul and said: “Courage! You have borne witness for me in Jerusalem, now you must do the same in Rome” (Acts 23:11).

The Jews plotted to kill Paul but his sister's son heard about their plans and warned his uncle. To save Paul's life, the tribune sent Paul from Jerusalem to Caesarea under military escort. When they arrived in the city, he was handed over to Felix, the governor. Felix was an ambiguous person. He wanted to profit from Paul's situation and indicated that he was open to bribery, but the Apostle preferred to remain in prison rather than buy his freedom (Acts 24:26). Even though there was no reason to keep Paul a prisoner, the governor left him in custody so as to gain favor with the Jews. Two years later, Felix was replaced by Festus who, immediately after his arrival in the province, went up to Jerusalem. There he was assailed by the Jewish priests and leaders, who urged him to have Paul's case transferred to Jerusalem. Tired of all the delays, Paul invoked his right as a Roman citizen to be judged by Caesar. A few days later, King Agrippa and Berenice arrived in Caesarea. Festus related Paul's situation to the king, concluding that the Apostle had appealed to Caesar and so he was sending him to Rome, even though there was no clear case against him. Agrippa and Berenice asked to hear Paul's story and the Apostle willingly told them about what had happened to him on the way to Damascus. In this third description of the Damascus event, Paul described his mission as a call to be not only an apostle and witness but also a prophet who opens the eyes of the blind so that they might turn from darkness to light (Acts 26:16-18). While Festus was bewildered by the message of the

resurrection, Agrippa exclaimed: “A little more and your arguments would make a Christian of me!” And he concluded: “This man is doing nothing that deserves death or imprisonment.”



St. Paul travels to Rome  
Icon of T. Groselj, fsp

Paul’s voyage to Rome (2500 km. from Jerusalem) was a difficult one, but God made it evident that he was traveling with him. Luke’s account of the trip symbolically recalls the last stage of the life of Jesus: his condemnation, death and resurrection. After arriving in Myra in Lycia, Paul’s guard found an Alexandrian ship leaving for Italy. He and his prisoner boarded they ship, which struggled through rough waters to Fair Havens, a port on the island of Crete. In spite of Paul’s warning to remain where they were and not attempt to reach the harbor of Phoenix on the other side of the island, the ship set out again but soon ran into a hurricane. Despite of the dire condition of the passengers and crew, the Lord appeared to Paul and said, “Do not be afraid, Paul. You are destined to appear before Caesar, and God grants you the safety of all who are sailing with you” (Acts 27:24). Heartened by these words, the Apostle encouraged his companions to have faith because the Lord had assured him that everyone would be saved. The badly-damaged ship finally ran aground on the island of Malta, where the local people proved to be very friendly. After three months on the island, Paul and his companions resumed their voyage to Rome, stopping first at Syracuse, Rhegium Calabria and Puteoli. Following the Appian Way, Paul finally reached the height of his desire: “to proclaim the Gospel to you also who are in Rome” (Rm. 1:14). Luke ends his narrative with the words: “When the believers heard about us, they came to met us, as far as the Forum of the Appius and the Three Taverns. When Paul saw them he thanked God and took courage. On our arrival in Rome, Paul was allowed to stay in lodgings of his own with the soldier who guarded him” (Acts. 28:15-16).

Pope Benedict XVI says: “Luke’s account ends with the mention of two years spent in Rome under mild military surveillance. He mentions neither a sentence of Caesar (Nero) nor, even less, the death of the accused.... This seems to me to be what remains for us from this brief review of St Paul’s journeys: to see his passion for the Gospel and thereby grasp the greatness, the beauty, indeed the deep need of the Gospel for all of us. Let us ask the Lord, who caused St Paul to see his light, who made him hear his word and profoundly moved his heart, to help us also see his light, so that our hearts too may be moved by his Word and thus that we too may give the light of the Gospel and the truth of Christ to today’s world which thirsts for it” (General Audience, 27 August 2008).

### FOR DEEPER REFLECTION

Note the parallel Luke draws between Jesus and Paul

Jesus	Paul
Jesus goes to Jerusalem: Lk. 9:51	Paul goes to Jerusalem: Acts 21:1ff
Testimony before the Sanhedrin: Lk. 22:66ff	Testimony before the Sanhedrin: Acts 23:1ff
Jesus released to the Jews: Lk. 23:1ff	Paul released to the Jews: Acts 23:12ff
Jesus declared innocent by Pilate: Lk. 23:14	Paul declared innocent by Festus and Agrippa: Acts 24:25-27
<b>Jesus is abandoned by everyone:</b> Where are the Twelve during his trial?	<b>Paul is abandoned when he is accused:</b> Where are his companions?

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