



Paul's "But God" Story

Galatians 1:11-24

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Introduction

- **Illustration #1** – _____ in _____ – “My mother transports her three children to and fro in her lovely blue minivan.”
- **Illustration #2** – _____ with _____ – *Mark 1:27-28 – They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him. (28) Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.*
- **Key Point** – The _____ of tradition were _____ compared to the true gospel of Jesus Christ . . . and the false teachers _____! (Mark 3:6)
- **Paul's Claim** – “Paul's claim, then, is this. His gospel, which was being called into question by the [false teachers] and deserted by the Galatians, was neither an **invention** (as if his own brain had made it up), nor a **tradition** (as if the church had handed it down to him), but a **revelation** (for God had made it known to him).” – John Stott

Three Scenes in Paul's "But God" Story

Scene #1 – “I was a _____ of Jesus' gospel.” (vs.13-14)

- My fanaticism was seen in my adherence to ancestral _____ . (Phil. 3:5-6)
- My fanaticism was seen in my _____ of God's church. (Acts 7-8, 26:10)

BOTTOM LINE: My previous life was all about _____ !

**Scene #2 – “I became a _____
of Jesus’ gospel.” (vs.15-16)**

- God _____ me _____ as His own. (Eph. 1:4-6)
- God _____ me in grace. (Rom. 1:7, Rom. 8:30, Gal. 1:6)
- Jesus was _____ to me and through me. (Acts 9:3-6, 26:15-17)

BOTTOM LINE: My salvation was all about _____ !

**Scene #3 – “I am an _____
of Jesus’ gospel.” (vs.16-24)**

- I went to _____. (vs.16-17)

“A veil of thick darkness hangs over St. Paul’s visit to Arabia.”

My Speculation: *Luke 24:27 – Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things _____
_____ in all the Scriptures.*

- I went to _____. (vs.18-19)
- I went to _____ and _____. (vs.21-24)

**BOTTOM LINE: My current life is all about proclaiming _____
_____ !**

Three Takeaways

1. _____ – Galatians 1:20 – (Now in what I am writing you, I assure you before God I am _____.)
2. _____ – Galatians 1:24 – And they were _____ God because of me.
3. _____ – Romans 1:16 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the _____ of God for salvation to everyone who believes . . .