



Paul, His Life and Teachings

Paul's Conversion

Lesson 6

Biblical-Literacy.com

© Copyright 2008 by W. Mark Lanier. Permission hereby granted to reprint this document in its entirety without change, with reference given, and not for financial profit.



SanJose



SanFrancisco







“Make the first
legal U-turn!”

Paul needed to turn his life
around!



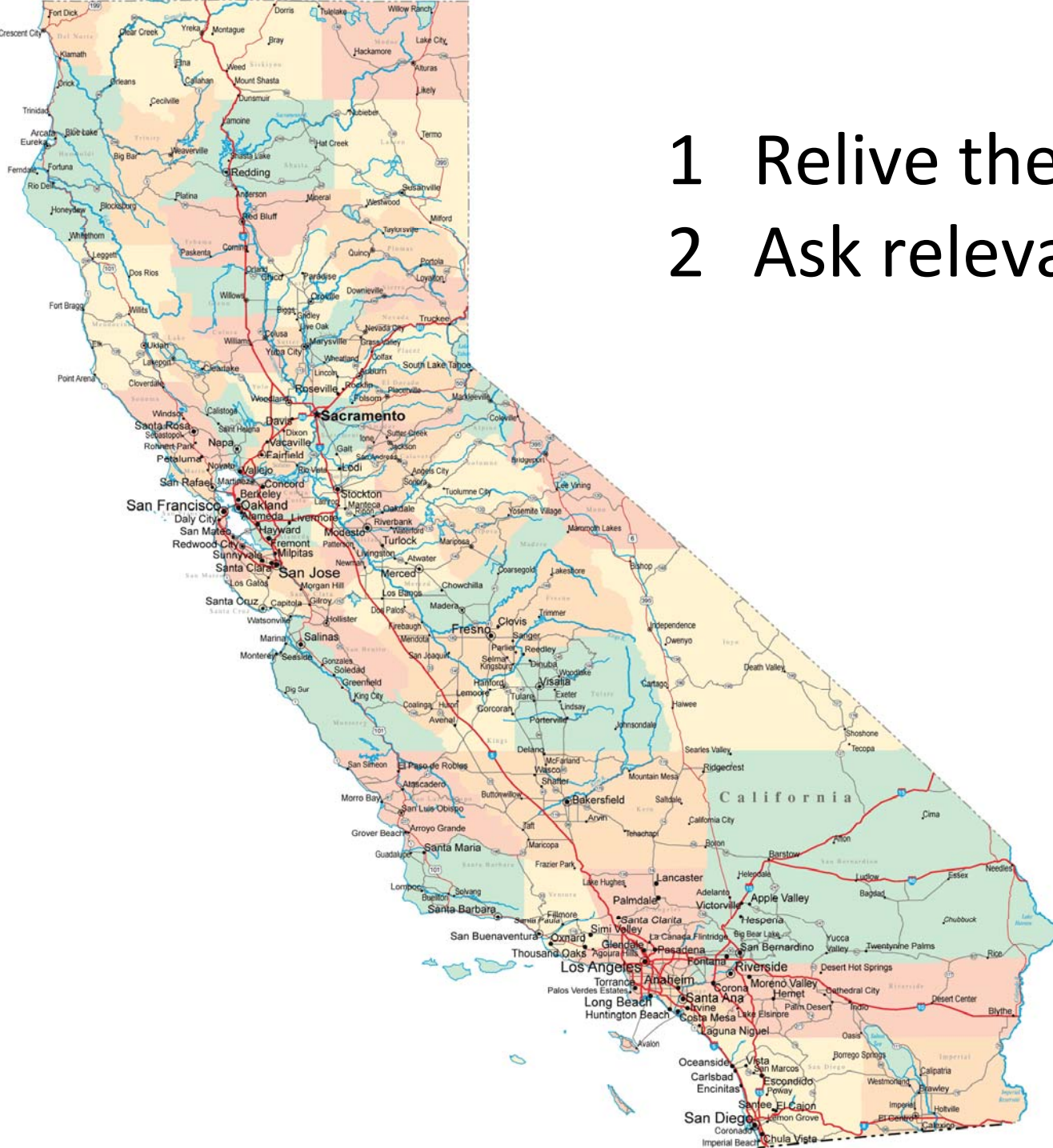
Paul needed to turn his life
around!



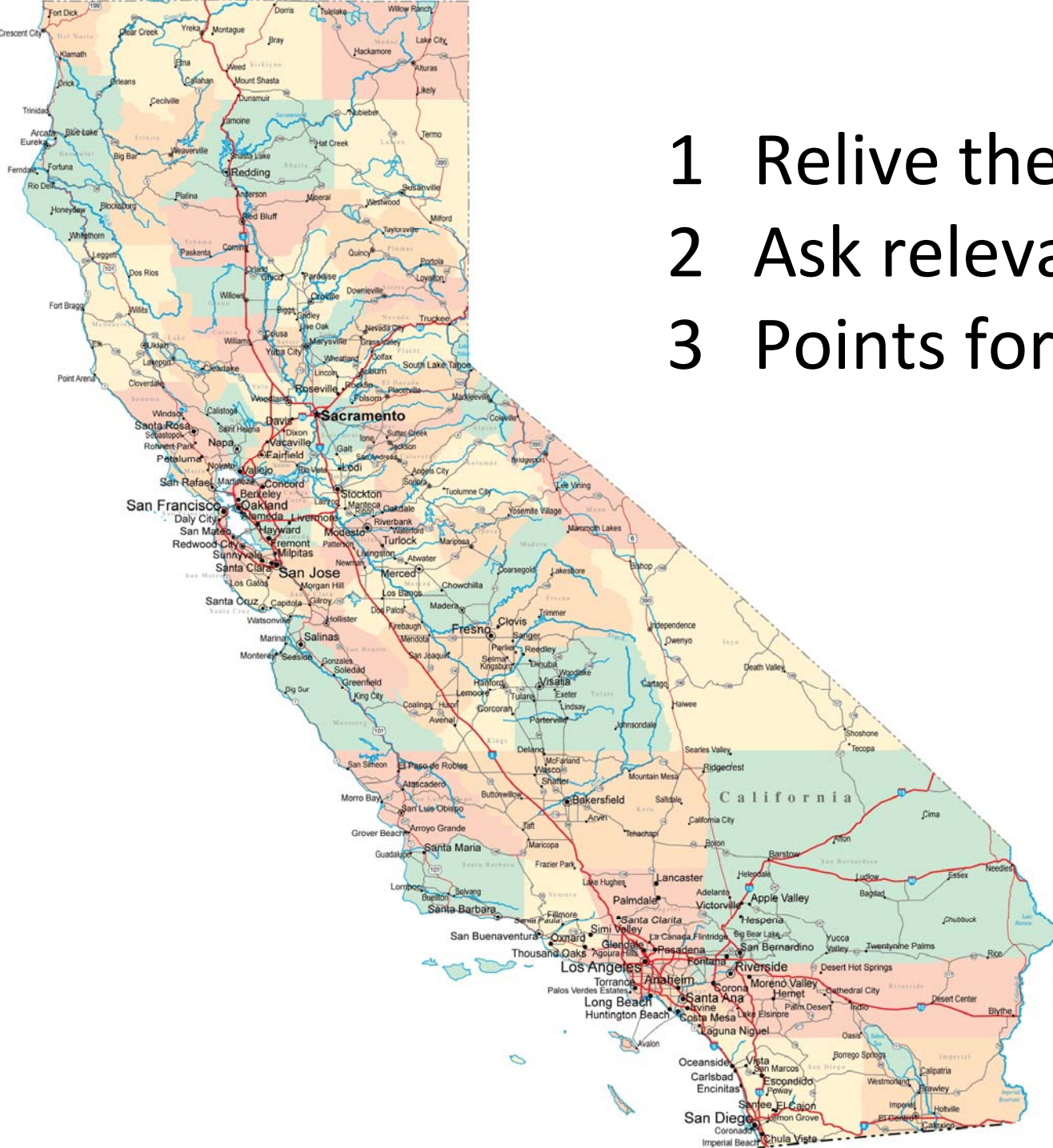


1 Relive the story



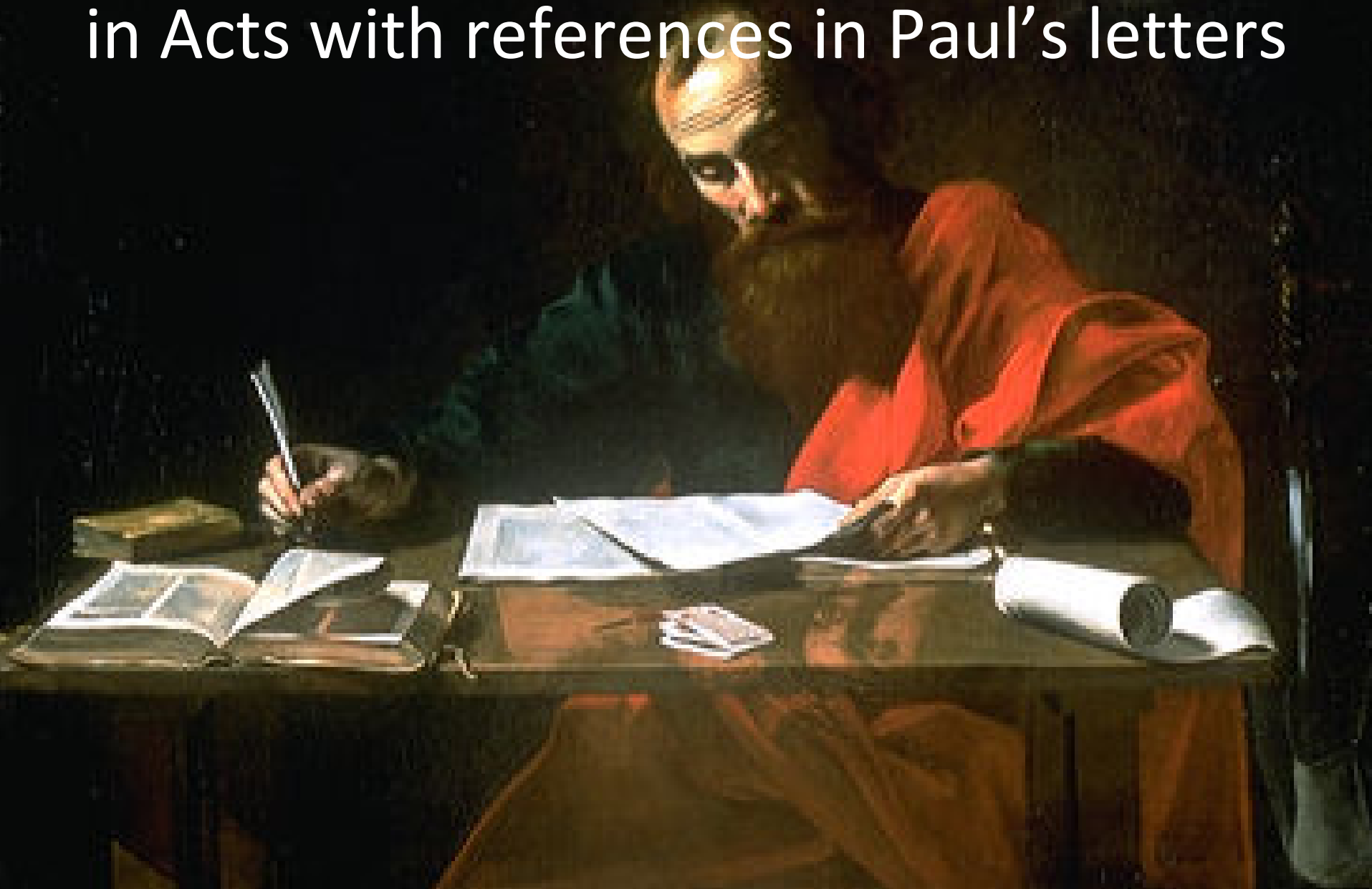


- 1 Relive the story
- 2 Ask relevant questions



- 1 Relive the story
- 2 Ask relevant questions
- 3 Points for Home

Paul's conversion is in three accounts
in Acts with references in Paul's letters

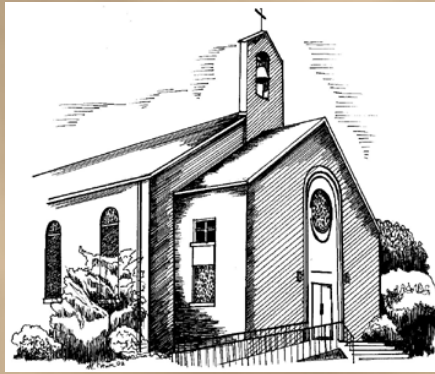


Paul heads to Damascus to stamp out
the church



Paul had letters of authority to arrest Christians

WANTED



followers of the
Way

REWARD



Paul takes a group of “Levite police”



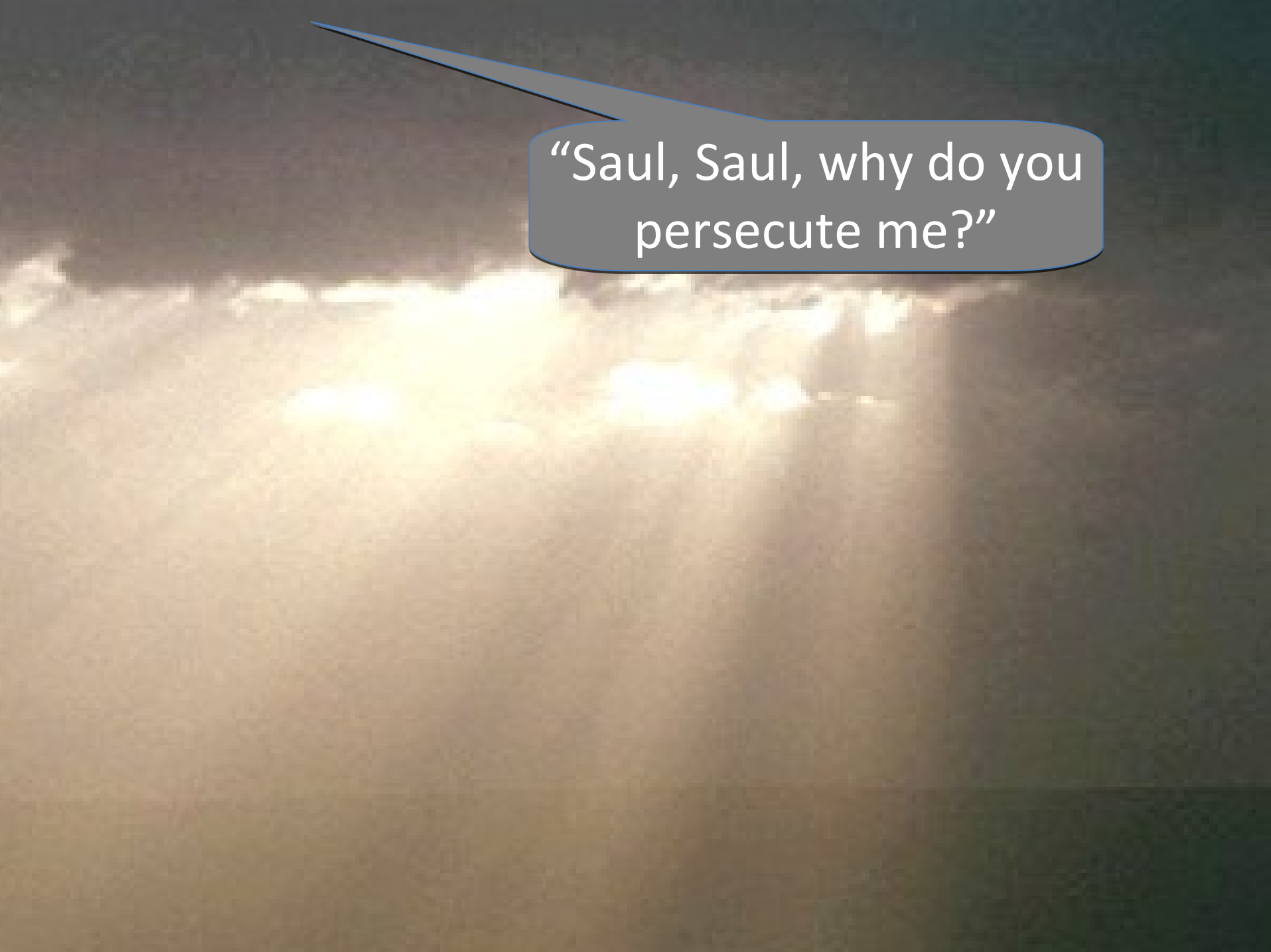
Paul takes a group of “Levite police”



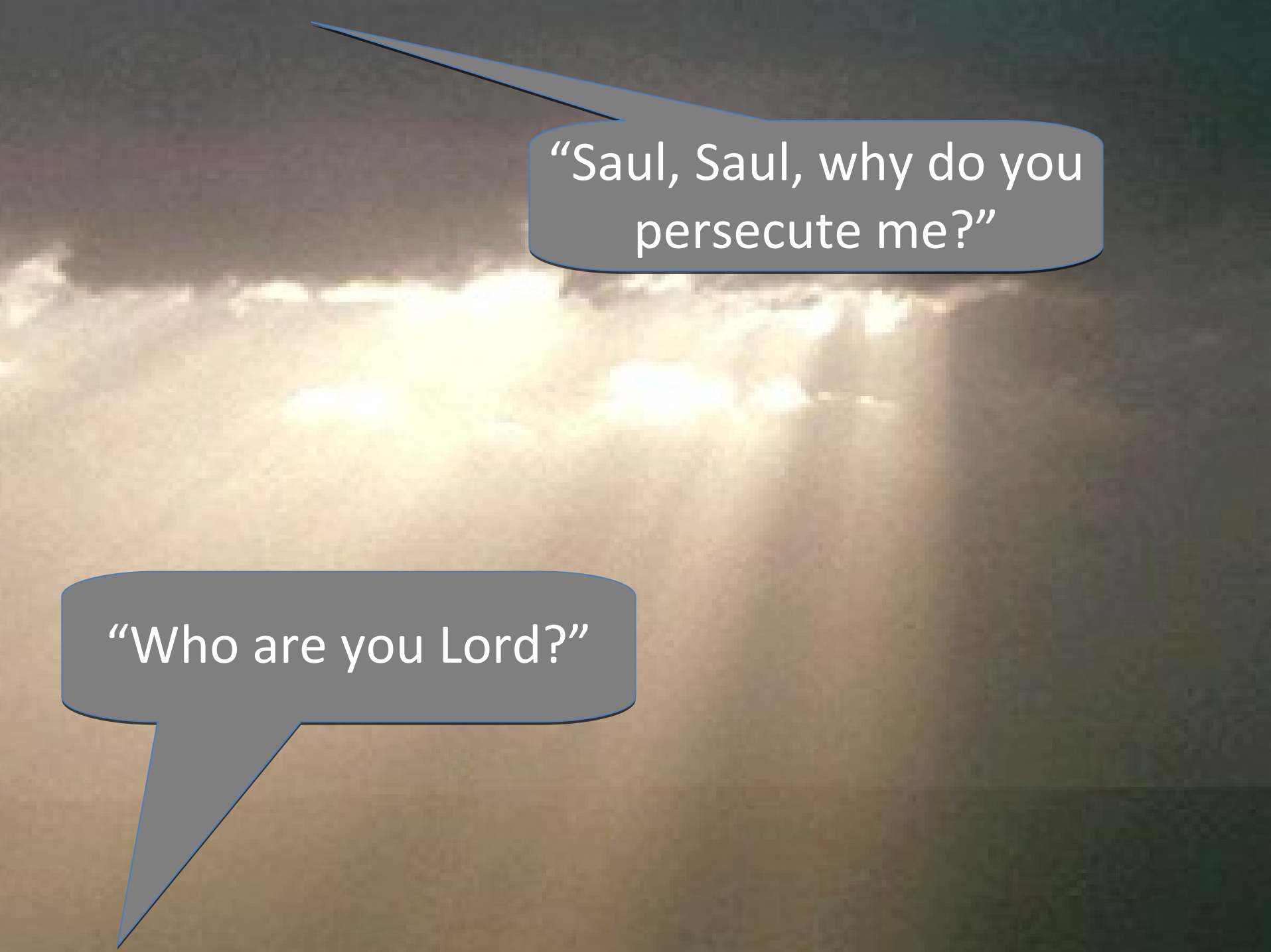
About bright light stops Paul





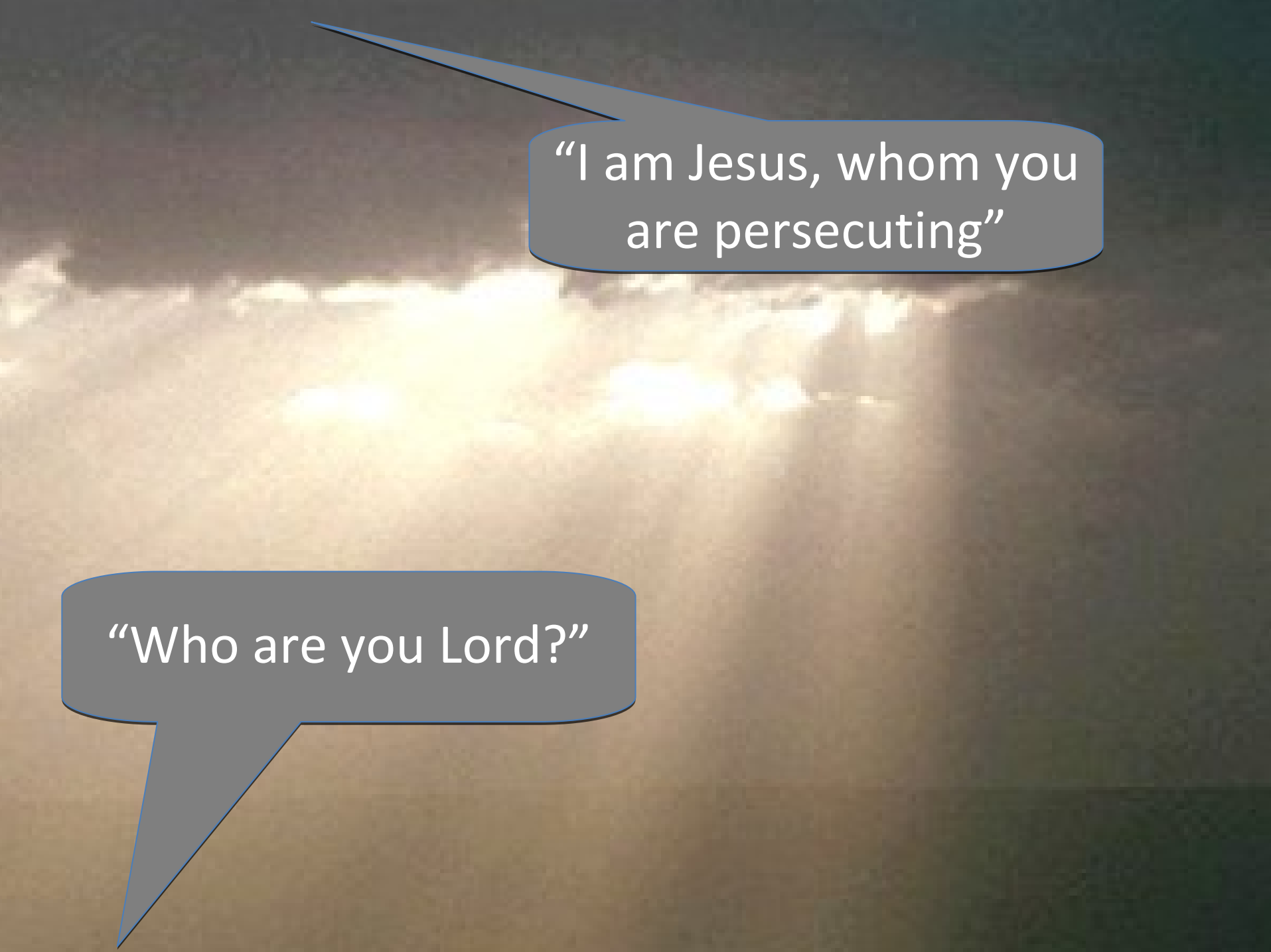


“Saul, Saul, why do you
persecute me?”



"Saul, Saul, why do you
persecute me?"

"Who are you Lord?"



"I am Jesus, whom you
are persecuting"

"Who are you Lord?"

Paul's persecution of the church is
persecuting the body of Christ



Jesus calls on Paul to make a U-turn



Jesus calls on Paul to make a U-turn



“For I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to ... your people and ... the Gentiles – to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me”

Paul goes into Damascus and waits for
three days



Paul's video tape is on replay: Stoning of Stephen



Paul's video tape is on replay: Scripture



Paul's video tape is on replay:
Sacrifices for sin



Enter Ananias – a good devout Jewish Christian



Ananias and Paul...



Ananias and Paul...



“The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name”



Why are there
differences in
the three
accounts?



Different
porpoises
make for
different
presentations

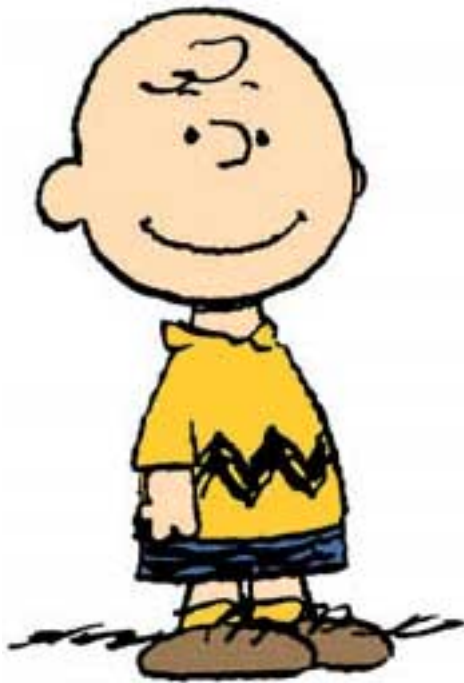


Different
purposes
make for
different
presentations

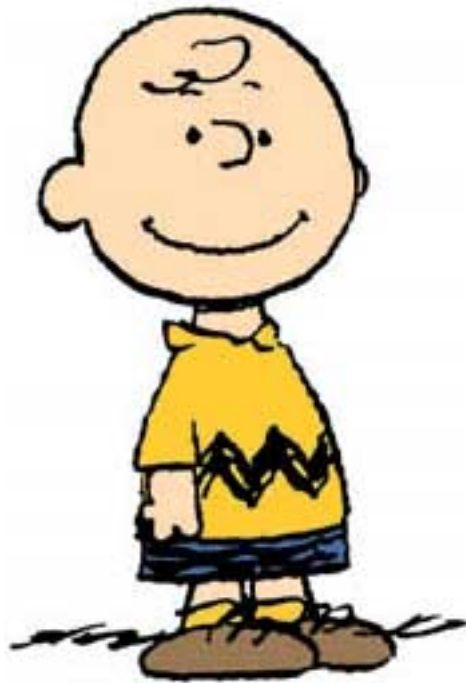


Did the
companions
hear or not?

They “heard” but did not
“understand”



They “heard” but did not
“understand”



“Wawwaw
wawwaw”



Did the
companions fall
or stand?



Was Paul really
“converted?”



Paul was still a
Jew, but a
fulfilled Jew



Paul twice
endured 39
lashings as a Jew

Jews and Gentiles were in the church
as one, but were still Jew and Gentile!



Paul was “called” or “commissioned”



But when he who *had set me apart before I was born, and who called me* by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me;

Points for Home – Paul made the right U-turn



For his sake I suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I might gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from law, but that which comes through faith in Christ” (Phil. 3:7-9).

Points for Home – God calls and commissions every believer



“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Rom. 8:28)