



## "Jesus Not Jerusalem"

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### Galatians 1:13-17



**13** For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; **14** And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my people, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. **15** But when He who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased **16** to reveal His Son in me, in order that I might

preach the gospel among the Gentiles, I immediately did not consult with flesh and blood, **17** nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me; but I went up to Arabia and again returned to Damascus.

– Galatians 1:13-17, translated by T. Bartolucci

#### I. Paul's First Defense: Jesus Not Jerusalem (vv. 13-17)

##### A. "Who I Was" (Paul's Pre-Conversion Life as a Jew) –vv. 13-14

1. Public knowledge: Paul was a notorious \_\_\_\_\_
2. Paul's former manner of life "*in Ioudaismos*" ("in Judaism")
3. Expressed negatively (13) and positively (14)

For I would have you to know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but [I received it] through a revelation of Jesus Christ.  
– *Paul's Thesis Statement from 1:11-12* [translated by T. Bartolucci]

##### B. "What I Am" (Paul's Conversion to Christ) – vv. 15-16a

1. God's Choice (cf. Romans 9:11-18; Ephesians 1:4-5)
2. God's Call (cf. 1 Peter 1:3, 2:9)
3. God's Commission (cf. Jeremiah 1:5)

##### C. "Where I Went" (Paul's Post-Conversion Trip to Arabia) – vv. 16b-17

\* See map on reverse



**II. Observations . . .** (adapted from Charles Simeon, *Horae Homileticae: Galatians-Ephesians*, vol. 17 [London: Holdsworth and Ball, 1833], 24-26)

- A. Our salvation is the same in its origin: the electing love of God
- B. Our salvation is the same in its means: the effectual grace of God
- C. Our salvation is the same in its manner: the revelation of Christ who is the Gospel
- D. Our salvation is the same in its goal: to make Christ known