# "PAUL'S DEFENSE OF HIS POST CONVERSION MINISTRY"

## GALATIANS 1:16-24

1. **STAGE I: A PARENTHETICAL TRIP INTO ARABIA (1:17)**
   1. Blinded From His Salvation Experience, Paul was Led Into Damascus Where He Spent Three Days Without Food Or Water
   2. The Visit To Arabia Comes After Acts 9:22
      1. The Center Of Paul's Judaistic Theology Had The Rug Pulled Out From Under It
      2. He Needs An Extended Season Of Time (Most Likely With Christ) To Rethink, From The Ground Up, Everything He Had Ever Believed And Lived For
   3. Paul Also Preached During This Time, Finding Himself In Trouble With The Arabian King In Damascus At The End Of That Three Year Period (Acts 9:23-25; II Corinthians 11:32-33)
2. **STAGE II: UP TO JERUSALEM (1:18-20)**
   1. Primarily To Meet Peter
      1. Barnabas Introduces Him To The Jerusalem Community (Acts 9:26-27)
      2. Paul Targets The Hellenistic Jews While There (Acts 9:28-29)
   2. Secondarily To Try To Convince The Lord To Let Him Stay And Preach At Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-21)
3. **STAGE III: BACK AGAIN TO TARSUS OF CILICIA VIA SYRIA (1:21-24)**
   1. The Account Of The Movement Is Given In Acts 9:30
   2. Paul Spent Ten Silent Years In His Home Town Of Tarsus (1:21)
   3. The Judean (Jerusalem) Church Eventually Came To Realize That Paul Was For Real (1:22-24)