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- 1. Young
  - <u>Mid-thirties</u>
  - <u>Accomplished</u>
- 2. Privileged
  - Roman Citizen from Tarsus
  - <u>Elite Pharisaical Jew</u>
  - <u>Highly educated under Gamaliel</u>
- 3. <u>Hustler</u>
  - <u>Tent-maker</u>
  - <u>Tenacious author: Wrote at least 13 of the 27 books</u> of the New Testament (Hebrews?)
  - Lived on mission with discipline.

## WHAT IS THE MISSION AND MESSAGE OF SAUL?

**Mission:** To destroy the church by imprisoning or killing disciples of Christ.

**Message:** <u>Abandon</u> the <u>heretical</u> beliefs of Christianity and <u>faithfully</u> follow the <u>Law</u> or I will <u>hunt</u> you down and throw you in <u>jail</u>.

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