



## Sermon Notes: The Man Who Changed Everything

### 1. A two-fold accusation.

a. Paul has attacked the core identity of Judaism.

b. Paul has defiled the temple.

### 2. A two-fold defense.

a. "I have solid credentials as a faithful, law-abiding Jew."

b. "I'm simply obeying the God of our fathers and his true Messiah in all that I do and teach."

### 3. A two-fold application.

a. See how the Gospel transforms your identity.

b. See how the Gospel transforms your lifestyle.



## Application Questions: The Man Who Changed Everything

1. How did your view of suffering in the will of God change over the past week? What did you do this week to make sure that "God's will" for you was actually GOD's will?
2. Who's the first person that comes to mind when you think of someone who's fundamentally changed the world?
3. What are some symbols of your identity? [Example: someone might choose to identify himself by the car he drives or by the brand of clothing that she wears.]
4. What do you fear could attack/destroy the symbols of your identity? What do you do to guard them?
5. What are some ways the Gospel transformed Paul's understanding of his *identity*? How did he identify/measure himself before meeting Jesus? After?
6. What are some ways the Gospel transformed Paul's understanding of his *mission*? What did he view as his purpose before meeting Jesus? After?
7. What are some ways the Gospel transformed Paul's understanding of...
  - the *people* of God?
  - the *Law* of God?
  - the *Temple* of God?
8. What are some specific, practical ways the Gospel transformed Paul's *lifestyle*?
9. As you reflect on your answers to questions #5-8, has the Gospel transformed you in the same ways? Where do you see the most and the least transformation in your own life?
10. What one thing will you do this week in light of this message?