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Sermon Outline

“Embodying and Expressing the Gospel Message”
*Acts 26:1-32*

Like Paul, we live to embody and express the Gospel message that:

1. Jesus has been raised from the dead. (vv. 1-8)
* He brings life-shaping hope to us.
* He steadies us to speak with resurrection power.
1. Jesus brings radical transformation to his people. (vv. 9-23)
* When we become followers of Jesus, heaven intersects earth and God’s Word pierces our hearts.
* Jesus personally transforms us and repurposes our lives so that we join in his mission to transform the earth.
1. Jesus calls us to “bear witness” to himself. (vv. 24-32)
* Seeking to address the questions and accusations of the people
* Inviting those around us to believe
* Praying for God to use the time we have to winsomely represent him
* Pointing faithfully to Jesus

“If I find a key on the road and discover that it fit and opened a particular lock, I’d assume most likely the key was made by the lock-maker. If I find a teaching set out in pre-modern Oriental society that has proven itself of such universal validity that it has fascinated or satisfied millions of people in every century, including the best minds and yet the simplest hearts, that it has made itself at home in virtually every culture, inspired masterpieces in every field of art, and continues to grow and spread rapidly...even today, is it likely to be the work of a deceiver or a fool? Is it not more likely designed by the heart-maker?”

*G. K. Chesterton*