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Series: Jesus the Friend of Sinners  
Title: Jesus & the Chief of Sinners: Saul  
Text: Acts 9:1-18

Saul was his Jewish name.  
Paul was his Greek or Roman name.

### **Profile:**

**Philippians 3:4-6** - <sup>4</sup>though I myself have reasons for such confidence. <sup>5</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

Persecuted Christians.  
Pharisee.  
Prefect in the keeping of the Law.  
People would recognize him as a true Israelite.

**1Timothy 1:15** - This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am Chief.

Saved on the Road to Damascus.  
Served the Lord the rest of his life.

**Philippians 3:7-9** - <sup>7</sup>But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

### **Three things we learn.**

Jesus seeks sinners.  
Jesus saves sinners.  
Jesus can use sinners