



Message Points

PaulMovie.com **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST** – In Theaters Nationwide Easter Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

BIG PICTURE THOUGHTS

- Tagline: Their faith challenged an empire. Their words changed the world
- Two men have been friends for years.
- The first—Jewish, passionate, a scholar.
- The second—Greek, reserved, a physician.
- Both are brilliant writers.
- Both are convinced that a crucified rabbi will change the world forever.
- And both are willing to risk their lives for Him.
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SYNOPSIS

SHORT SYNOPSIS

In **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST**, Luke risks his life to visit Paul, who is held captive in a Roman prison under Nero's rule. Together, they struggle against a determined emperor and the frailties of the human spirit in order to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spread their message to the world.

LONG SYNOPSIS

PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST is the story of two men. Luke, as a friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into the city of Rome to visit Paul, who is held captive in Nero's darkest, bleakest prison cell. But Nero is determined to rid Rome of Christians, and does not flinch from executing them in the grisliest ways possible. Before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of "The Way" and the birth of what will come to be known as the church.

Bound in chains, Paul's struggle is internal. He has survived so much—floggings, shipwreck, starvation, stoning, hunger and thirst, cold and exposure—yet as he waits for his appointment with death, he is haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds. Alone in the dark, he wonders if he has been forgotten . . . and if he has the strength to finish well.

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KEY MESSAGE POINTS

1. There has never before been a theatrical feature film about the life of Paul, though next to Jesus, no one played a more central role in the growth of the early Church. Paul and Luke wrote a significant part of the New Testament.
2. First biblical role for Jim Caviezel (who plays Luke), since *The Passion of The Christ*.
3. Paul's letters and writings were vital to the spreading of Christianity, and became a large part of the New Testament. Our story focuses on how, despite persecution and peril, they shared Jesus' message of love, redemption and forgiveness with a small community of believers who in turn, took it to the whole world.
4. Great pains were taken to maintain biblical accuracy. Using scripture as the only reference, director Andrew Hyatt recreated the story of Paul on film, including the close relationship with Luke, whom at the end of Paul's life, at his own peril, traveled in and out of the prison carrying Paul's writings to the community of believers.
5. The MPAA has rated the film PG-13 for *some violent content and disturbing images*.
6. Releasing Easter week: March 28, 2018. See the ripple effect of Jesus' sacrifice in the lives of believers some 70 years after Christ's death.
7. To receive updates, or find out how to get group tickets, go to our website: PaulMovie.com
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ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS/TALKING POINTS

- A visually stunning, historically-based film that brings to life the story of Paul, who went from becoming the most notorious persecutor of the Church to its most powerful proponent among the nations outside Judea.
- Two very different men are bound together by their love for Christ. As each of them realize that Rome has been overtaken by Nero's evil at the same time their lives are drawing to a close, they struggle to finish their races and leave behind a book of lasting importance for the millions who will follow Christ in generations to come.
- Two themes found in Paul, Apostle of Christ, are relevant today:
 - First, we are surrounded by evil, which can strike suddenly and without cause.
 - Second, we can all learn from Paul and Luke: Love is the only answer.