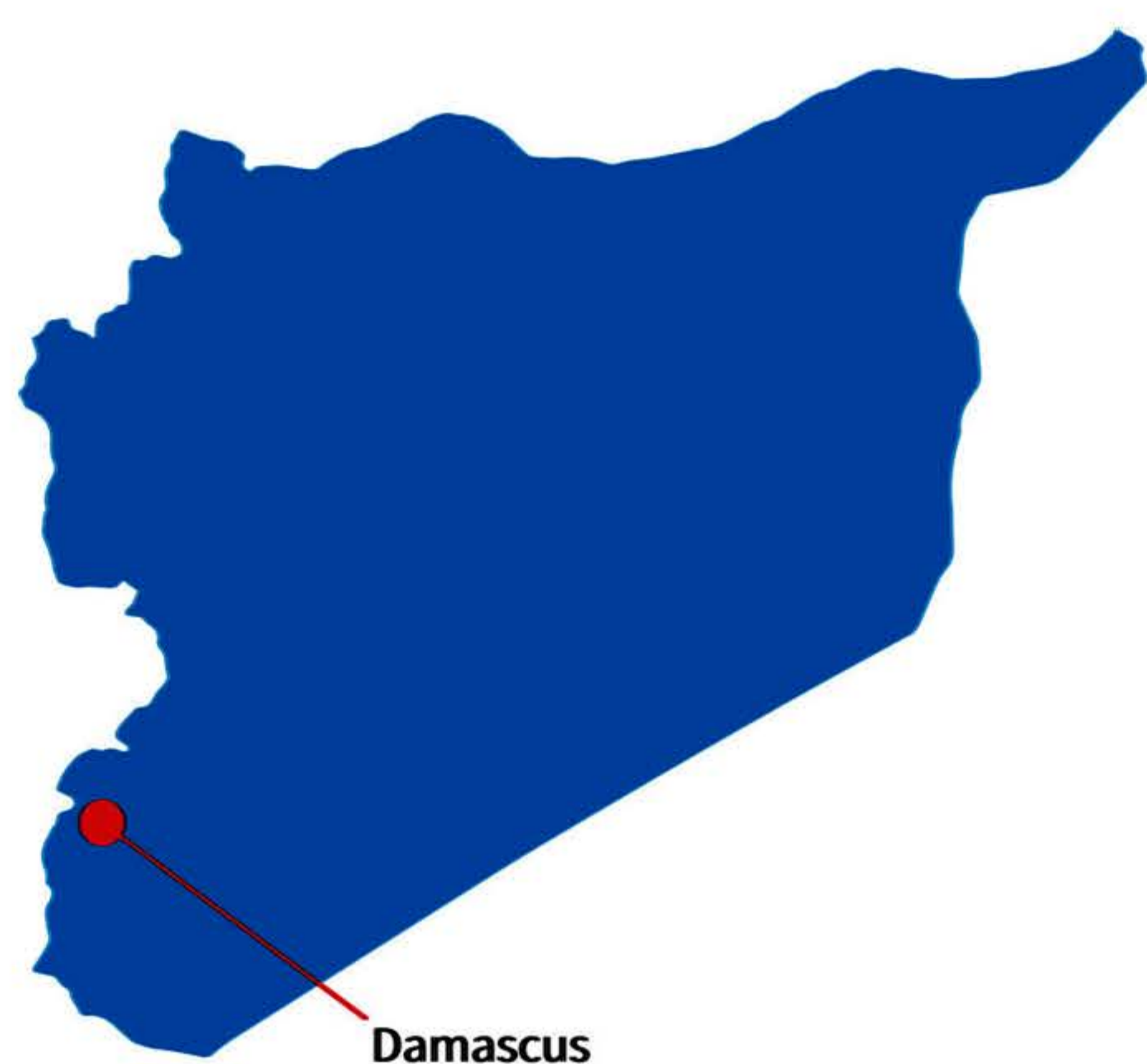


## ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE



Paul was one of the leaders of the first Christians (*believers in Jesus*). But he was not always a friend of Christians. In fact, he treated the followers of Jesus very badly.



Then one day, he was traveling to Damascus (*the capital of Syria in the Middle East*) when a bright light came from heaven. Paul fell to the ground, and heard a voice asking him why he was treating Jesus' followers that way. And who was the voice? Jesus! Paul couldn't see after that experience (*event*), but trusted in the instruction (*information telling what should be done*) from Jesus to go into town.



Jesus also sent a message to Ananias, a Christian living in that town, to go to Paul. Ananias was afraid to go, because he knew how Paul had treated Christians. But, trusting in Jesus, he did as he was asked. Through Ananias, Jesus restored Paul's sight. Then Paul was baptized, becoming a Christian himself.



Paul became one of the greatest missionaries, making many journeys to speak of the Good News of Jesus and spread the faith to many places. His writings make up 13 of the 27 books in the New Testament in the Bible. These books are very important in helping people learn about Jesus.

*Color this image of St. Paul – and look for ways that Jesus will be present to you this day, helping you speak about your faith in Him.*



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