

Luke tells us five times that Saul (later known as Paul) was from Tarsus:

Act 9:11

The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.

Act 9:30

When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Act 11:25

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,

Act 21:39

Paul answered, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. Please let me speak to the people.”

Act 22:3

“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.