

**Thought for the day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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**Sounding the Seasons    St Paul**

We thought about Saul or St Paul on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter. I had this poem by Malcolm Guite ready to share, but never did; so here it is.

St Paul

An enemy whom God has made a friend,  
A righteous man discounting righteousness,  
Last to believe and first for God to send,  
He found the fountain in the wilderness.  
Thrown to the ground and raised at the same moment,  
A prisoner who set his captors free.  
A naked man with love his only garment.  
A blinded man who helped the world to see,  
A Jew who had been perfect in the Law,  
Blesses the flesh of every other race  
And helps them see what the apostle saw,  
The glory of the Lord in Jesus' face;  
Strong in his weakness, joyful in his pains  
And bound by Love, who freed him from his chains.

Malcolm Guite    Canterbury Press

Which stories about Paul can you spot in the poem?