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## ST. PAUL ON CYPRUS: TRANSFORMATION OF AN APOSTLE

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**7:30 for 8:00 pm, Friday 27 August 2010, (Tea and Coffee available beforehand)**

**Australian Institute of Archaeology, Building EC 11, La Trobe University**

**Terrace Way, MacLeod, (Melways 873-4)**

**The Lecture:** Recent archaeological work on Cyprus allows a much better understanding of the context of the St Paul's visit underscoring the cultural accuracy of the Acts account. A clearer picture of first century Cyprus is emerging, as a complex multi-cultural entity looking both east and west. These internal cultural divisions of the province explain the change of Saul, the apostle to the Jews to Paul the apostle to the Gentiles.

**Thomas W. Davis** is the director of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute in Nicosia, Cyprus. Dr. Davis has an extensive experience in archaeological excavation in Cyprus, Jordan, Egypt, and in the United States, where he has substantial archaeological experience in cultural resource management. He is the author of *Shifting Sands: The Rise and Fall of Biblical Archaeology* (Oxford, 2004), as well as numerous essays and articles that concern archaeology and biblical studies. Dr. Davis earned his Ph.D. in Oriental Studies—Syro-Palestinian Archaeology, at the University of Arizona, under the direction of William G. Dever. He also earned his M.A. at Arizona, with a minor in Biblical Studies, and the B.A. from Wheaton College in Illinois.

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