## **Church and State – The Early Church in Acts**

Lesson 4 – Stephen and Saul

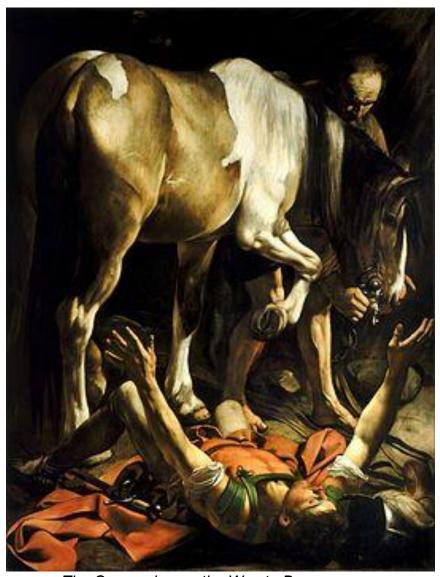
I. Stephen, Deacon, Apologist, Martyr

II. Saul (Paul), Persecutor of the Church

## For Further Discussion:

- 1. Why do you think Stephen and Saul were both so bold and direct in their preaching when they must have known it would bring attempts on their life?
- 2. What would you say to the argument that they might have won more converts had they been less direct?
- 3. When the church was persecuted and many left their homes and fled Jerusalem, no doubt they thought it was a setback. How did it turn out? Is there a lesson for us in this?

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The Conversion on the Way to Damascus, Caravaggio, 1601 AD