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Summary/Abstract: This article proposes that the second part of Sholem Asch's christological trilogy—the novel *The Apostle*—be considered as a form of haggadic midrash of *The Book of Acts* and Pauline epistles. By giving certain examples, the author explains why the 'midrash key' differs in this case from a simple fictionalization of New Testament texts—and further discusses what this reveals about the attitudes, expectations and desires of Asch himself.

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