

Just Preach Jesus

Acts 8:4-8, 26-38 (MEV)

⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miracles which he did, they listened in unity to what he said. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed. And many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise up and go toward the south on the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷ So he rose up and went. And there was a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in command of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship. ²⁸ He was returning, sitting in his chariot and reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit said to Philip, "Go to this chariot and stay with it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran to him, and heard him read the book of Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" So, he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² The passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep to slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. ³³ In His humiliation justice was denied Him; who will speak of His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch said to Philip, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet speak, of himself or of someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip spoke, beginning with the same Scripture, and preached Jesus to him.

³⁶ As they went on their way, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." He answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to halt. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away. And the eunuch saw him no more, and he went his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:26-27 (MEV)

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise up and go toward the south on the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. ²⁷ So he rose up and went.

Acts 8:30-31 (MEV)

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Acts 8:34-35 (MEV)

³⁴ The eunuch said to Philip, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet speak, of himself or of someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip spoke, beginning with the same Scripture, and preached Jesus to him.

Acts 8:36-38 (MEV)

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1. A Divine Opportunity.

2. A Divine Appointment.

3. A Divine Word.

4. A Divine Sacrament.