

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8:27-33

Philip Meets the Ethiopian

- In ***Acts 8:26-40***, an angel of the Lord sent Philip to meet a man, a eunuch, from Ethiopia.
 - They studied together and the man obeyed the gospel's call to salvation.

Let's consider what Philip taught the eunuch.

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- The eunuch was reading ***Isaiah 53:7-8***.
 - *“He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.”* ***Acts 8:32-33***

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- Philip connects this passage with Jesus the Christ.
 - *“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”*
- Let’s spend some time looking at what Philip would have taught the eunuch about Jesus.

Philip Preached Jesus

- **Jesus was despised and rejected. *Isa 53:3***
 - *“He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.” vs 3*

Philip Preached Jesus

- **Jesus was wounded for our transgressions.**

Isa 53:4-6

– *“...But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities; The
chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And
by His stripes we are healed...” vs 5*

Philip Preached Jesus

- **Jesus was put to death. *Isa 53:8-9***
 - *“...For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.” vs 8*

Philip Preached Jesus

- **Jesus was made an offering for sin. *Isa 53:10***
 - *“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin,...” vs 10*

Philip Preached Jesus

- **Jesus arose from the grave. *Isa 53:10-12***
 - *“He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days...,” vs 10*
 - *“He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied...” vs 11*
 - *“...I will divide Him a portion with the great,...” vs 12*
 - *Later, the apostle Paul wrote that Jesus arose “according to the Scriptures.” cf. 1 Cor 15:1-4*

Philip Preached Jesus

- Jesus made intercession for the transgressors.

Isa 53:12

– “...And He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” ***vs 12***

Philip Preached Jesus

- **The eunuch was baptized. *Acts 8:36-38***
 - The eunuch saw some water and asked, “*What hinders me from bring baptized?*” ***vs 36-38***
 - In Samaria, when Philip preached “*the things concerning the kingdom of God...both men and women were baptized.*” ***Acts 8:9-13, 14-16***
 - Baptism is part of the gospel message.
Mark 16:15-16
 - Peter preached baptism. ***Acts 2:38, 41***

Philip Preached Jesus

- The eunuch went on his way rejoicing.
Acts 8:38-39
 - He believed the gospel message.
 - Jesus died for our sins. ***Isa 53:4-6, 8-9***
 - Jesus over came death. ***Isa 53:10-11***
 - The forgiveness of sins. ***Cf. Acts 2:38-39***
 - The promise of salvation. ***Mark 16:15-16***

Conclusion

- Are you ready to answer the gospel's call?
 - Jesus Christ suffered and died for the forgiveness of your sins.
 - Let this truth persuade you to repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins.
 - Then, like the eunuch, rejoice for your salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ.