

NOON BIBLE STUDY: ACTS 8

ACTS 8:1-4 - PERSECUTION BEGINS, GOSPEL MOVES

- THE POLICY OF "DON'T SPEAK IN THAT NAME" NO LONGER WORKING FOR JEWISH LEADERS
- THE PERSECUTION THAT FOLLOWED STEPHEN'S MARTYRDOM WAS UNFORTUNATE → HOWEVER IT PUSHED THE GOSPEL BEYOND WHERE THE DISCIPLES WERE SETTLED (ACTS 1:8)

WHO WAS PHILIP? - SEE ACTS 6:1-6 (V. 3 - GOOD REPUTATION, FULL OF THE SPIRIT, FULL OF WISDOM.)

ACTS 8:4-8, 9-24 - PHILIP IN SAMARIA

- "PHILIP MOST LIKELY VISITED ANCIENT SEBASTE, THE MAIN CITY OF THE SAMARITANS, LYING AT THE FOOT OF THEIR HOLY MOUNTAIN GERIZIM. THE SAMARITANS WERE A RACIALLY MIXED GROUP OF PARTLY JEWISH AND PARTLY GENTILE ANCESTRY, DISDAINED BY BOTH JEWS AND NON-JEWS. THEY BELIEVED IN ISRAEL'S GOD AND IN MANY RESPECTS MAINTAINED THEIR JEWISH HERITAGE BUT WERE NOT CONSIDERED JEWS BY THOSE FROM JUDAH." (ESV STUDY BIBLE ACTS 8:5)

V. 5-8 - PHILIP IN SAMARIA, PROCLAIMING CHRIST

- WHAT DID PHILIP PREACH ABOUT? - CHRIST (V. 5), KINGDOM OF GOD & NAME OF JESUS CHRIST (V. 12)

V. 9-13 - SIMON

V. 14-17 - APOSTLES HEAR AND COME TO SUPPORT PHILIP'S MINISTRY THERE.

- SAMARITANS RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT!

V. 18-24 - SIMON'S FALSE MOTIVES?

V. 25 - APOSTLES & PHILIP HEAD BACK HOME

ACTS 8:26-40 - PHILIP AND ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

V. 32-33 — QUOTE OF ISAIAH 53:7-8

BAPTISM PART OF THE CONVERSION RECORDS JUST LIKE IN ACTS 2:38,41)

ACTS 8:40 - PHILIP CONTINUES TO TESTIFY AND BE A WITNESS

PHILIP'S STORY:

ACTS 21:8-9 ⁸ ON THE NEXT DAY WE LEFT AND CAME TO CAESAREA, AND ENTERING THE HOUSE OF PHILIP THE EVANGELIST, WHO WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN, WE STAYED WITH HIM. ⁹ NOW THIS MAN HAD FOUR VIRGIN DAUGHTERS WHO WERE PROPHETESSES.

