

An Extraordinary Day

Acts 8:26-40



It Was An Ordinary Day

- Philip, the Evangelist, **vs. 26-27**
 - Teaching in Samaria
 - Told to **“arise”** and go to the Gaza desert
 - **“... he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia...”**
- The Ethiopian, the Prospect, **vs. 27-28**
 - Man of great authority
 - In-charge of the Queen’s treasury
 - Been to Jerusalem to worship
 - Returning home in his chariot



Man With A Submissive Heart

■ Philip, The Evangelist

■ **Vs. 27, “*arose and went*”**

- No argument
- Still needed in Samaria
- Send someone else
- Too tired, Too hot, Too Far, Too...

■ **Acts 6:3, “*full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom*”**

■ **Acts 8:12, Taught many Samaritans**

■ **Acts 21:8, Man of hospitality**

- Paul “*abode with him*” in Caesarea



Man With A Submissive Heart

- **The Ethiopian, The Prospect**
 - **Proselyte to the Jewish faith**
 - Family possibly taught prior to Exodus
 - **Servant trusted by Queen Candace**
 - **Dedicated to a Godly life**
 - **Determined to know God expectations**
 - May have heard of Jesus death in Jerusalem ?
 - May have seen Jesus crucified ?



Seeking The Truth!

Philip's Arrival

■ Philip's directions

- **Vs. 29**, *“Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.”*



■ Philip's response

- **Vs. 30**, *“Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?”*

■ Ethiopian's response

- **Vs. 31**, *“How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.”*

The Day Grows Brighter

■ Ethiopian's conundrum

- **Vs. 32-33**, *"The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth."* (Isaiah 53:7-8)

■ Ethiopian's concern

- **Vs. 34**, *"I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?"*



And Brighter Day Still !

- What did Philip preach to him?
 - Church organization
 - Proper worship procedures
 - Women's role in the church
 - Man's role in the church
 - Marriage/Divorce/Remarriage
- **Vs. 35, "Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."**



What Did Philip Preach?

- He preached unto him Jesus
 - **1 Corinthians 15:3-5**, “...Christ died for our sins ...he was buried...rose again the third day”
 - **John 8:24**, “...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
 - **Luke 13:3**, “...except ye repent, ye shall...perish.”
 - **Matthew 10:32-33**, “confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”
 - **Acts 2:1-47 (38)**, “Repent, and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”
 - **Revelation 2:10**, “faithful unto death”

Ordinary to Extraordinary Day

■ The Ethiopian's Response

- **Vs. 36**, “...*as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?”*



■ Philip's response

- **Vs. 37**, “If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.” (John 8:24)

■ Ethiopian's Confession

- **Vs. 37**, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.” (Matthew 10:32)

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■ The Ethiopian's Commitment

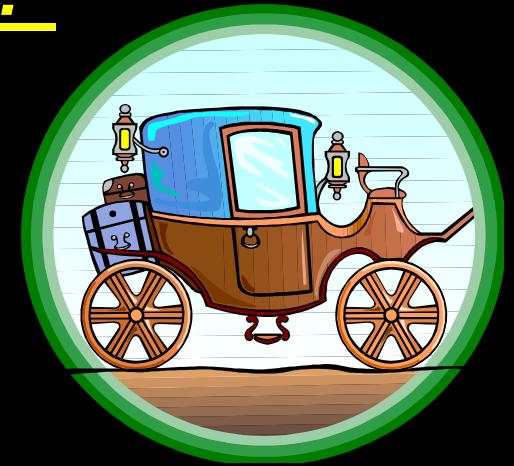
- **Vs. 38**, ***“he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”***
- **Acts 22:16**, ***“Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”***
- **Galatians 3:27**, ***“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”***
- **1 Peter 3:21**, ***“baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ...”***



What A Day !!!

■ The Ethiopian's Excitement

- **Vs. 39**, “*And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.”*
- **Romans 6:4**, “*We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*
- **Colossians 2:12**, “*Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”*



Why Was He Rejoicing? Why Not?

- He found the truth & obeyed the truth
 - Heard the truth, **Acts 8:35**
 - Believed the truth, **Acts 8:37**
 - Repented of sins, **Luke 13:3** (CHANGED)
 - Confessed Jesus name, **Acts 8:37**
 - Baptized for remission of sins, **Acts 2:38**
 - Intended to live a Faithful life, **Acts 8:39**
 - **Acts 2:42**, *“continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”*
 - **Acts 2:47**, *“Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved”*





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(This can be your day!)