

Series: Great Gospel Invitations
"Preach Jesus" # 17
Acts 8:26-40
8-5-18 Sun AM

I have been preaching a series on Sunday mornings in regard to great Gospel invitations in the NT. I began by sharing some great Gospel invitations from Jesus in the gospels.

This morning I continue to move through the book of Acts looking at Sermons by Peter, Phillip, and Paul. Today I share the second sermon by Philip in the Gaza Desert, the first being at the city of Samaria

We learned that apostolic preaching include four key aspects-

1. You killed Jesus, God raised him from the dead, and we are witnesses. Jesus is God the Messiah, He died for our sins, He was buried and Resurrected on the third day and is exalted in heaven as Lord and Christ.
2. Men must hear the gospel, be convicted of sin and the Savoir, and repent and believe.

I. The Setting (8:26-29).

Philip was sent by **the** Angel of the Lord (preincarnate Jesus), to go toward Gaza where he saw a man sitting in his chariot.

The eunuch was reading from the prophets Isaiah and the Spirit of God told him to overtake the chariot and join the man.

Eunuch can refer to a man who had been emasculated, or to a government official, or both. He was the Queen's treasurer, much like a minister of finance or secretary of the treasury.

Let me note some truths here:

1. He had just preached the gospel to thousands in the city of Samaria now the Spirit directs him to one man. A divine appointment for one man.
2. This man was seeking God and gave evidence by reading the Scriptures.

II. The Sermon (8:30-35).

1. v. 30a- Philip was sensitive to the Spirit's leading. He was obedient to the divine appointment arranged by the providence of God.
2. v. 30b- Philip asked an exploratory question.
3. vs. 31-34- The man invited Philip to guide him to understanding. The passage was Isa. 53:7-8.
4. v. 35- Philip began where the man was at and preached unto him Jesus.

This passage was a controversial passage with Jews but Philip does not address that, He just opens his mouth and gives the clear explanation of the passage.

“He began at the same Scripture” He used the Scriptures and explained the Scriptures. He did not give the man a theology discourse, he gave him Jesus.

He began with the same Scripture but went to the rest of Isaiah’s prophecy:

1. Jesus died for our sins (Isaiah 53:4-6).
2. Jesus was resurrected and exalted (53:12-13).

III. The Response (8:36-40).

1. v. 36- The importance of baptism.

We note the Eunuch asked the question about baptism. Evidently Philip instructed on baptism in his preaching on Jesus. He was eager to be obedient.

2. vs. 37-40- The necessity of real faith.

v. 37- Baptism is for believers only who believe in the Jesus of the Scriptures.

Rom 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

v. 38-39b- Scriptural baptism is by immersion.

Irenaeus, an early church father who lived between A.D. 130-202, wrote that the eunuch returned to Ethiopia and became a missionary to his own people.

Con: What do we learn from Philip’s preaching on Jesus?

1. We preach the death and exaltation of Jesus for our sins.
2. We preach the importance of repentance, faith, and believer’s baptism.