

## Samaria: Preaching Christ

Acts Chapter 8

## Origin of the Samaritans

- Assyrian Captivity. 2 Kings 17
- Jews and Samaritans have no dealings with each other. John 4:9
  1. Their religion, though basically Jewish, was mixed with forms of idolatry. 2 Kings 17:32-34,41
  2. Though not regarded as totally heathenistic, they were not considered pure by the Jews.
  3. The Samaritan's help was refused in the rebuilding of Jerusalem, furthering the embitterment between these two groups. Ezra 4:3-4

## Jesus And The Samaritans

- Good Samaritan. Luke 10:30-37; cf. Luke 17:15-16
- Jesus called a Samaritan. John 8:48
- Jesus and the Samaritan woman. John 4

## Jesus And The Samaritan Woman John 4

- The woman found Jesus a man of kindness. vs. 16-18
- She learned that Jesus was a breaker of barriers. vs. 7-9
- Jesus introduced the woman to "living water." vs. 10-15
- Jesus knew the hearts of men. vs. 16-19
- Jesus introduced the elements of true worship. vs. 21-24
- The influence of Jesus was felt among the Samaritans. vs. 39-42

## Jesus used different teaching techniques

- Jesus knew how to handle PREJUDICIAL QUESTIONS. John 4
  - "Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." (John 4:9)
  - "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman?" (John 4:9) **Jesus did not answer her question.**
  - "Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" (John 4:12)

## Effectiveness of Jesus, the Master Teacher

- Jesus created a CRAVING FOR WHAT HE OFFERED. John 4:13-14
- Jesus understood that people have to be TAKEN WHERE THEY ARE and LED TO A HIGHER PLANE. John 4:16-18
- Jesus taught her how to worship. John 4:21-24
- Jesus taught her He was the Messiah. John 4:25-26

## Philip And The Samaritans Acts 8 ... Transition

- Beginning .(Acts 2)
- Transition. (Acts 8)
- Philip preached the gospel. vs. 4
- Samaritans were unlikely prospects. John 4:9
- Conflict and triumph.
  - People gave heed. Acts 8:5-6
- Persecution furthers the gospel. Acts 8:1,4

## Philip And The Samaritans Acts 8 ... Transition

- Miracles served their purpose in this conversion. vs. 6-12
- Philip and Simon. Acts 8:13
- The power of the gospel. Rom. 1:16; Acts 1:8
  - Broke the power of Simon over the Samaritans.
  - Brought Simon out of sorcery.

## What It Means To Preach Christ Acts 8:35

- The Sonship of Jesus. cf. Acts 9:20; Jesus' claims.
- The gospel of Christ. 1 Cor. 1:23 "Christ crucified."(2:2); Cf.1 Cor. 15:1; cf. Mk. 16:15ff
- Concerning the kingdom. Acts 8:5,12; Acts 28:31; Mt. 16:18-19
- The name of Jesus. Phil. 2:9; Col. 3:17; 2 John 9

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- Baptism. Acts 8:35-36
- Beginning with Scripture. Acts 8:35; Isaiah 53; 1 Tim. 4:16; Acts 17:2-3
- Beginning where the learner is.

## Three Answers To The Same Question

**The Question:** "*What Must I Do?*"

**The Answers:**

**A. To the jailer, Acts 16:25-31**

**B. To audience in Acts 2, vs. 37-38**

**C. To Saul of Tarsus, Acts 22:3-10, 16; cf. Acts 9:6**

**Why Did The Answers Differ?**

**A. The questions were asked by people in different circumstances, Mark 12:34 "not far from the kingdom" Matthew 15:8 "heart is far from me"**

## What It Means To Preach Christ Acts 8

- Open your mouth. Acts 8:38; 10:34; 15:7, 27; Eph. 6:19