

Daily Devotional, January 25, 2021

'Preaching Jesus', (Acts 8:35)

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.” (Acts 8:35, NKJV)

In the providence of God, Philip the Evangelist met an Ethiopian dignitary on the road. And, as God would have it, the man was reading from **Isaiah 53**, which is a Messianic passage about Jesus. Philip began at that Scripture, and preached to him that Jesus is the Christ. Two simple lessons are taught from this. First, the evangelist met him where he was at. Second, he preached Jesus to him. Let us learn where others are coming from, and let us resolve to preach nothing else but the hope and salvation which are through Jesus Christ alone. And if you are reading this and have not accepted that Jesus is the only way to heaven, read on, **“for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved”** (Acts 4:12).

Christians have a Great Commission: **“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”** (Mark 16:15). There are folks like this Ethiopian Jewish proselyte who are close to the truth. He knew and believed the Old Testament, but he did not know the identity of his Savior. There are other individuals who think that there are many ways to heaven, a view that contradicts the Bible, and the very words of Jesus Christ Himself (**John 14:6**). Still others put their faith in another god, another prophet, a works based system, humanism, or nothing at all. The true and Living God that we serve is the Creator God, so we can speak of Him in that context. He is the God who made all men and women in His own image, so we can speak of the potential capacity that we have to relate to our Maker. Our God is the One who gives us the gift of moral compass and sets eternity in our hearts. Jesus Christ is greater than all other pretenders to the throne, in that He lived, died, and took up His own life again. And that is historically verified. Friends, let us be patient in meeting folks right where they are at, and offering the hope, peace, love, and eternal life that we have through Christ Jesus. We do this out of an earnest desire to see folks realize their sinful condition, estrangement from God, need for reconciliation with Him, need for a Savior, and the need to come to belief by faith in God through Jesus Christ alone. No other agenda do we have. No other gospel do we preach besides grace freely given. We preach Jesus gently but never obnoxiously. Are you willing to go out of your way to do God's work of saving a soul today? Pray for opportunity to do just that, if you dare, and perhaps the Lord shall grant it to you. Godspeed, Christian friend!