

Acts 8: Another Road, Another Stranger

Acts 8:26-40 (with Luke 24:13-35) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

Read Acts 8:26-40 and see if it sounds familiar. A man is riding home from Jerusalem, reading Isaiah out loud, and he can't make sense of it. A stranger runs up beside him on the road. The man asks, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this?" And verse 35 says Philip, "**beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.**" You've heard this story before. In Luke 24, on the road to Emmaus, two confused disciples meet a stranger who, "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets," shows them the things written about himself. Then he vanishes. Here the Spirit carries Philip away, and the eunuch goes on his way rejoicing. Jesus opened the Scriptures on one road. Now his witness is doing the same thing on another. And the eunuch's question is still the right one for every page of your Bible: **who is this about?**

GO DEEPER, STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Luke 24:13-35** and then **Acts 8:26-40**. List everything that matches: the road, the stranger, the confusion, the Scriptures opened, the disappearance, the joy. Then read **Isaiah 53** and see where Philip could have gone after "his life is taken away from the earth."

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in Acts: **Acts 17:2-3** (Paul "explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer") · **Acts 3:13, 18** (Peter calls Jesus God's "servant," straight out of Isaiah) · **Acts 28:23** (Paul persuading "about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets")

Luke's Gospel: **Luke 24:25-27** ("beginning with Moses and all the Prophets") · **Luke 24:31-32** (he vanished, and "did not our hearts burn within us") · **Luke 22:37** (Jesus quotes Isaiah 53:12 about himself)

Rest of Scripture: **Isaiah 52:13-53:12** (the eunuch's scroll, this Friday's reading) · **1 Peter 2:22-25** (Peter reading the same chapter about Jesus) · **John 5:39** ("it is they that bear witness about me")

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

Understandest Thou What Thou Readest?

C.H. Spurgeon · Spurgeon Center (sermon, 1884)

<https://www.spurgeon.org/sermons/understandest-thou-what-thou-readest/>

Sermon on Acts 8:30-33: reading the Bible to understand it, and what this text is about.

Philip Meets an Ethiopian Eunuch

Tabletalk Magazine · Ligonier Ministries (daily study)

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/daily-study/2024/04/philip-meets-an-ethiopian-eunuch/>

Short study on Acts 8:26-31, with background on Candace and the eunuch.