

Two unlikely converts

Acts 8:26 – 9:22

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
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Two unlikely converts

- The Ethiopian eunuch (8v26-40)
- Saul (9v1-22)

1. Who God saves

- The eunuch – a religious outsider

Deuteronomy 23v1

No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the LORD.

1. Who God saves

- The eunuch – a religious outsider
- Saul – a violent extremist



2. Who God uses

- Philip

Acts 8v26

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

2. Who God uses

- Philip
- Ananias

Acts 9v15

Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.

3. How God saves

- Saul – meets Jesus directly

Acts 9v4-5

⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.

3. How God saves

- Saul – meets Jesus directly
- The eunuch – meets Jesus through his Word

Acts 8v34

“Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”

Acts 8v35

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Isaiah 53v5-6

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

4. The change God makes

- The eunuch

Acts 8v36-38

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

4. The change God makes

- The eunuch
- Saul