

Rise and Go

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Acts 8:26

Peter's Shadow Healed Them

Acts 5:12–16 LEB

¹² Now many signs and wonders were being performed among the people through the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ And none of the rest dared to join them, but the people spoke highly of them. ¹⁴ And even more believers in the Lord were being added, large numbers of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and put *them* on cots and mats so that *when* Peter came by, at least *his* shadow would fall on some of them. ¹⁶ And the people of the towns around Jerusalem also came together, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, who were all being healed.

But this wasn't where Peter began. Lets back up a bit and we won't spend time on Peter's calling as a disciple or on his denial of Christ or on his revelation that Jesus was the Christ in

Matthew 16:13–20 LEB

¹³ Now *when* Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he began asking his disciples, saying, "Who do people say *that* the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, Some *say* John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say *that* I am?" ¹⁶ And Simon Peter

answered *and* said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!”¹⁷ And Jesus answered *and* said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but my Father *who is* in heaven.”¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it!¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will be released in heaven.”²⁰ Then he commanded the disciples that they should tell no one that he was the Christ.

Let’s go to the days just after the cross.

Jesus had told the disciples that he was going away.

Jesus then gave His life and willingly died.

For the disciples, this was the end.

After the Cross

The disciples are scattered and fearful.

Peter at the Empty Tomb

Peter finds the tomb empty and goes home?

John 20:3–10 LEB

³Then Peter and the other disciple went out and were going to the tomb. ⁴And the two were running together, and the other disciple ran ahead, faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first. ⁵And bending over to look, he saw the *strips of* linen cloth lying there, though he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter also came following him, and he went into the tomb and saw the *strips of* linen cloth lying there, ⁷and the facecloth that was on his head—not lying with the *strips of* linen cloth, but folded up separately in one place. ⁸So then the other disciple who had come to the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed. ⁹(For they did not yet know the scripture that it was necessary for him to rise from the dead.)¹⁰ Then the disciples went away again to their *own homes*.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

They are hiding for fear.

John 20:19–20 LEB

¹⁹ Now *when it* was evening on that day—the first *day* of the week—and the doors had been shut where the disciples were because of fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace to you.” ²⁰ And *when he* had said this, he showed *his* hands and *his* side to them. Then the disciples rejoiced *when they* saw the Lord.

The Disciples Go Fishing

Though they had seen Jesus, it is weeks after his death and Peter reverts to the only way he knows to make money, fishing.

They all follow.

John 21:1–14 LEB

¹ After these *things* Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. Now he revealed *himself* in this way: ² Simon Peter and Thomas (who was called Didymus) and Nathanael from Cana in Galilee and the *sons* of Zebedee and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing!” They said to him, “We also are coming with you.” They went out and got into the boat, and during that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Now *when it* was already early morning, Jesus stood on the beach. However, the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish to eat, *do you?*” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ And he said to them, “Throw the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some.*” So they threw *it*, and were no longer able to haul it in from the large number of the fish. ⁷ Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” So Simon Peter, *when he* heard that it was the Lord, tied around himself his outer garment (for he was naked) and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net of fish, because they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits away. ⁹ So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire laid *there*, and a fish lying on *it*, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just now caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter got into *the boat* and hauled the net to the land, full of large fish—one hundred fifty-three—and

although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come, eat breakfast!" But none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" *because they* knew that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave *it* to them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴ This *was now the* third *time* Jesus was revealed to the disciples *after he* had been raised from the dead.

Jesus Speaks to Peter

John 21:15–19 LEB

¹⁵ Now when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon *son of* John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs!" ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon *son of* John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Shepherd my sheep!" ¹⁷ He said to him a third *time*, "Simon *son of* John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed because he said to him a third *time*, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything! You know that I love you!" Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep! ¹⁸ Truly, truly I say to you, when you were young, you tied *your clothes* around yourself and walked wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will tie you up and carry *you* where you do not want *to go*. ¹⁹ (Now he said this to indicate by what kind of death he would glorify God.) And *after he* had said this, he said to him, "Follow me!"

Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Jesus had told them to wait in Jerusalem and they were all there, fifty days after Jesus death.

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

Acts 2:1–4 LEB

¹ And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same *place*. ² And suddenly a sound like a violent rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues like fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with

the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them *ability* to speak out.

Peter Gives a Public Sermon

As a crowd gathers around, there is suddenly a boldness on Peter.

Peter begins to explain what has happened.

Acts 2:5–22 LEB

⁵ Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And *when* this sound occurred, the crowd gathered and was in confusion, because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language. ⁷ And they were astounded and astonished, saying, “Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how do we hear, each one *of us*, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and those residing *in* Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya toward Cyrene, and the Romans who were in town, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our *own* languages the great deeds of God!” ¹² And all were amazed and greatly perplexed, saying to one another, “What can this mean?” ¹³ But others jeered *and* said, “They are full of sweet new wine!” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them, “Judean men, and all those who live *in* Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words! ¹⁵ For these *men* are not drunk, as you assume, because it is the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘And it will be in the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ And even on my male slaves and on my female slaves I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be changed to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes. ²¹ And it will be *that* everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ²² “Israelite men, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as *you* yourselves know—

This same outpouring is ours today. This is a sign of salvation, a sign of our acceptance by God.

Peter Gives the Gospel Message

Here is a great place to learn the simplicity and the fulness of the gospel. This is the message.

Acts 2:22–36 LEB

²² "Israelite men, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as *you* yourselves know—²³ this man, delivered up by the determined plan and foreknowledge of God, you executed *by* nailing to a cross through the hand of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, having brought to an end the pains of death, because it was not possible *for* him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says with reference to him, 'I saw the Lord before me continually, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken. ²⁶ For this *reason* my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced greatly, furthermore also my flesh will live in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon my soul in Hades, nor will you permit your Holy One to experience decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ "Men *and* brothers, it is possible to speak with confidence to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us until this day. ³⁰ Therefore, *because he* was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ *by* having foreseen *this*, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned in Hades nor did his flesh experience decay. ³² This Jesus God raised up, of which we all are witnesses. ³³ Therefore, having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this that you see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ' ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know beyond a doubt, that God has made him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified!"

The Response to the Gospel

Thousands were added to the Church.

Acts 2:37–41 LEB

³⁷ Now *when they* heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “What should we do, men *and* brothers?” ³⁸ And Peter *said* to them, “Repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all those *who are* far away, as many as the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly urged and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this crooked generation!” ⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added.

The Church in Jerusalem Grew

The believers had one purpose.

Acts 2:42–47 LEB

⁴² And they were devoting themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers. ⁴³ And fear came on every soul, and many wonders and signs were being performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were in the same *place*, and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ And they began selling *their* possessions and property, and distributing these *things* to all, to the degree that anyone had need. ⁴⁶ And every day, devoting themselves *to meeting* with one purpose in the temple *courts* and breaking bread from house *to house*, they were eating *their* food with joy and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding every day to the total *of* those who were being saved.

Miracles Began to Happen

This is where we find miracles beginning to happen through Peter.

Philip's Calling

Philip was Chosen in Jerusalem

Acts 6:1–7 LEB¹ Now in these days, *as* the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose by the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution *of food*. ² So the twelve summoned the community of disciples *and* said, "It is not desirable *that* we neglect the word of God to serve tables. ³ So, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we will put in charge of this need. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And the statement pleased the whole group, and they chose Stephen (a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit), and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus (a convert from Antioch), ⁶ whom they stood before the apostles. And they prayed *and* placed *their* hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God kept spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem was increasing greatly, and a large number of priests began obeying the faith.

The Church is strong and getting stronger as we read Acts 3 through Acts 7 where Stephen is stoned.

This is the beginning of persecution.

This is the breaking apart of the Church in Jerusalem and what seems like the end.

But as the people are scattered, we find people receiving the gospel in new places.

No one in the Church is seen sending Philip.

The Church was persecuted in Jerusalem and many were on their way.

But Philip, on his own, went and "began proclaiming"

And people responded to him.

Philip preaches in Samaria

Participants: An Evil Supernatural Being; Philip (evangelist); Samaritans amazed by Simon; Simon (magician) Setting: Samaria (city)

Defining Passages

Acts 8:4–13 LEB

⁴ Now those who had been scattered went about proclaiming the good news *of* the word. ⁵ And Philip came down to the city of Samaria *and* began proclaiming the Christ to them. ⁶ And the crowds with one mind were paying attention to what was being said by Philip, *as* they heard *him* and saw the signs that he was performing. ⁷ For many of those who had unclean spirits, they were coming out *of them*, crying out with a loud voice, and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city. ⁹ Now a certain man named Simon had been in the city practicing magic and astonishing the people of Samaria, saying he was someone great. ¹⁰ They were all paying attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called 'Great.'" ¹¹ And they were paying attention to him because for a long time he had astonished them with *his* magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip *as he* was proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were being baptized. ¹³ And Simon himself also believed, and *after he* was baptized he was keeping close company with Philip. And *when he* saw the signs and great miracles that were taking place, he was astonished.

Philip didn't Teach Them

Later, Peter and John came

Acts 8:14–16 LEB

¹⁴ Now *when* the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who went down *and* prayed for them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ (For he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Philip talks to the Ethiopian Eunuch

Participants: Ethiopian eunuch; Holy Spirit; Philip (evangelist) Setting: Gaza; Jerusalem Important Things: Chariot; Road; Water

Defining Passages

Acts 8:26–39 LEB

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Get up and go toward the south on the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) ²⁷ And he got up *and* went, and behold, *there was* a man, an Ethiopian eunuch (a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasury) who had come to worship in Jerusalem ²⁸ and was returning and sitting in his chariot, and reading aloud the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Approach and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to *it and* heard him reading aloud Isaiah the prophet and said, “So then, do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “So how could I, unless someone will guide me?” And he invited Philip to come up *and* sit with him. ³² Now the passage of scripture that he was reading aloud was this: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before its shearer *is* silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was taken from him. Who can describe his descendants? For his life was taken away from the earth.” ³⁴ And the eunuch answered *and* said to Philip, “I ask you, about whom does the prophet say this—about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ So Philip opened his mouth and beginning from this scripture, proclaimed the good news to him *about* Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he ordered the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water—Philip and the eunuch—and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer, for he went on his way rejoicing.

Philip travels from Azotus to Caesarea

Acts 8:40 LEB

⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and *as he* passed through, he proclaimed the good news *to* all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Peter and John Taught Them

Peter and John heard and went. This wasn't pre-planned.

Acts 8:14–16 LEB

¹⁴ Now *when* the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who went down *and* prayed for them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ (For he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

In this case it wasn't Philip that brought the gospel, but the account is very similar. The gospel was preached and the Church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas

Acts 11:19–24 LEB¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, proclaiming the message to no one except Jews alone. ²⁰ But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, *when they came* to Antioch, began to speak to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² And the report came to the attention of the church that was in Jerusalem about them, and they sent out Barnabas as far as Antioch, ²³ who, *when he arrived* and saw the grace of God, rejoiced and encouraged *them* all to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts, ²⁴ because he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large number were added to the Lord.

Barnabas gets Paul to help.

Acts 11:25–26 LEB

²⁵ So he departed for Tarsus to look for Saul. ²⁶ And *when he found him*, he brought *him* to Antioch. And it happened to them also *that they met together for* a whole year with the church and taught a large number *of people*. And in Antioch

the disciples were first called Christians.

Others came along side Philip and did what he didn't.

What happened to Philip?

Paul stays with Philip at Caesarea

Participants: Agabus; Luke; Paul; Philip (evangelist) Setting: Caesarea Important Things: Foot; Hand; House, Permanent dwelling, Building; Waistband **Defining Passages**

Acts 21:8–15 **LEB**

⁸ And on the next day we departed *and* came to Caesarea, and entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was *one* of the seven, *and* stayed with him. ⁹ (Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.) ¹⁰ And *while* we were staying *there* many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And he came to us and took Paul's belt. Tying up his own feet and hands, he said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews in Jerusalem will tie up the man whose belt this is, and will deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.' " ¹² And when we heard these *things*, both we and the local residents urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul replied, "What are you doing weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be tied up, but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus!" ¹⁴ And *because* he would not be persuaded, we remained silent, saying, "The will of the Lord be done." ¹⁵ So after these days we got ready *and* went up to Jerusalem.

Philip Preached to Key People

The Magician

In Samaria, many people responded to Philip. It was the one man, the Magician, in vs 10 "They were all paying attention to him, from the least to the greatest" This man's conversion was influential.

Acts 8:9–10 LEB

⁹ Now a certain man named Simon had been in the city practicing magic and astonishing the people of Samaria, saying he was someone great. ¹⁰ They were all paying attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the power of God that is called ‘Great.’”

The Eunuch

This man held a high ranking position in Ethiopia and would be able to influence the whole region.

Acts 8:27 LEB

²⁷ And he got up *and* went, and behold, *there was* a man, an Ethiopian eunuch (a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasury) who had come to worship in Jerusalem

Who Are the People God wants to Reach Today?

Antifa?

Among the Muslim's

In India and the Far East?