

## AN ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL READS ABOUT JESUS

Bible Story #24

### Acts 8:1, 4 (Review)

8:1A big **persecution started** in **Jerusalem** – the persecution was **against** the **believers** in Jesus. So they **ran away** from Jerusalem. 4And, **everywhere** the believers went, the believers **told everyone** about Jesus.

### Acts 8:26-40

26An **angel** from God said to **Philip**, “Go **south**. Go to the **desert road**.”

27-28So Philip went south. **On the way** he saw an Ethiopian man. The man was **very important**. He worked for Candace, the **queen** of **Ethiopia**. The man **took care of** all the queen’s **treasures**.

This man was going home to Ethiopia. He was going home **from** Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he had **worshiped** at **Creator God’s temple**. Now, he was **riding** home to Ethiopia in a **chariot**. And he was reading the **Old Testament** – he was reading a **true story** that was about 700 years old.

29**God’s Spirit** said to Philip, “Go to that chariot.” 30So Philip ran **up to** the chariot. The man was reading the Old Testament **out loud** – and Philip **heard** the man reading.

Philip **asked** the man, “Do you **understand** it? Do you understand what you are reading?” 31“I **cannot** understand it,” the man said, “Please, **explain** it to me.” So Philip sat with the man in his chariot.

32-33The Ethiopian man was reading:

“**He** was **like** a **sheep** – **he** was like a sheep to **be killed**.  
**He** was like a **lamb** – **he** was **silent** like a lamb – and **he** said **nothing**.  
 People **shamed him**.  
 People **treated him unfairly**.  
 People killed **him**.”

34The Ethiopian man asked Philip, “**Who** is **he**?”

35Philip told the man about Jesus:

[**He** is Jesus. Jesus is the lamb – he **died** on the **cross** for everyone. **Then** Jesus became **alive again**. So, everyone who **believes** in Jesus will **live forever**.]

36The chariot came to some water **beside** the road. The Ethiopian man said, “I **want** to **be baptized**. 38**Stop** the chariot.” Then Philip and the man went down into the water. And Philip baptized the Ethiopian man [**because** the man believed in Jesus].

39They came out of the water. Then God’s Spirit **took** Philip **away** – Philip **was gone**. The Ethiopian man did not see Philip **again**. But the man was very **happy** and went home to Ethiopia.

40Then Philip went to many **towns** – he told many people the **good news** about Jesus.

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Why** did believers in Jesus run away from Jerusalem? (verse 1)

**Why were the believers persecuted?**

- (**When** the believers ran away) **what** did they do everywhere? (verse 4)

**Are you surprised that the believers talked everywhere about Jesus?**

- What did God's angel tell Philip to do? (verse 26)
- Who did Philip **meet** on the desert road? (verses 27-28)
- What was the Ethiopian man's **job**? (verses 27-28)
- **Where** was the man going? (verses 27-28)
- Where was he coming from? Where had he been? (verses 27-28)
- What was the man reading? (verse 27-28)
- What did God's Spirit tell Philip to do? (verse 29)

**Do you think God cares only about Israel?**

**Or does God care about people from other countries too?**

- What did Philip hear? (verse 30)
- What did Philip ask the man? (verse 30)
- Did the Ethiopian man understand the Old Testament? (verse 31)
- What did the man ask Philip to do? (verse 31)
- (In the Old Testament story) what **happened** to the sheep – to the lamb?  
(verses 32-33)
- What did the Ethiopian man ask Philip? (verse 34)
- Who is the lamb? Who does the lamb **symbolize**? (verse 35)

**John saw Jesus and said, "Look! Jesus is the Lamb of God.  
Jesus will take away the world's sins."**

John 1:29, New Testament

- What did Jesus do? [verse 35]
- What did the Ethiopian man want to do? (verse 36)
- So what did Philip do? (verse 38)
- How did the man **feel**? (verse 39)

**Why do you think the man was very happy?**

Ethiopian	エチオピア、エチオピヤ の人、文化、食べ物、など
official	役人
about	について、約
persecution	迫害
start	始める、始まる
Jerusalem	エルサレム（イスラエルの都）
against	に対して、に反して、逆らう
believer	(イエスを) 信じる人、信者
run away - ran away - run away	逃げる
everywhere	いたるところ
tell - told - told	話をする、伝える、命じる、教える、戒める
everyone	皆
angel	天使
Philip	フィリポ、ピリポ（イエスの弟子）
south	南
desert	砂漠、荒野
road	道
on the way	途中
very	非常に
important	大切、重要な、大事な、重大、優れる、えらい（人）
queen	女王
Ethiopia	エチオピア（国）
take care of	預かる、管理する
treasure	宝、宝物、大切にする、大事にする
from	から
worship	礼拝をする、拝む
Creator God	創造者、創造主、天地創造の神様
temple	神殿
ride - rode - ridden	乗る
chariot	兵車、チャリオット

Old Testament	旧約聖書（イエス・キリスト以前の聖書の話）
true story	本当の話、実話
God's Spirit	聖霊、神様の霊、キリストの霊
up to	まで
out loud	声を出して
hear - heard - heard	聞く、聞こえる [pronunciation = heer - hrd - hrd]
ask	尋ねる
understand - understood - understood	理解する
cannot	わけにはいけない、できない
explain	説明する、説き明かす
like	のように、に似てる、似る
sheep	羊
be killed	殺される
lamb	子羊（God's Lamb = 世の救い主である「神の子羊」イエス・キリスト）
silent	静か、黙っている
nothing	何もない、何でもない、無
shame	恥
treat	取り扱う、扱う
unfairly	不公平に
who	誰
die	死ぬ
cross	十字架
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら
alive again	再び生きる、復活する
believe	(イエスを) 信じる人、信者
live forever	永遠に生きる
beside	傍らに、そばに
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
be baptized	洗礼を受ける
stop	やめる、止まる、止まれ、止める

because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
take away - took away - taken away	取り除く、奪う
was gone	いなくなった
again	また、もう一度
happy / happier / happiest	嬉しい・より嬉しい・最も嬉しい、喜ぶ、幸せだ
town	町
good news	(神様からの) 良い知らせ、救いのメッセージ、福音
_____	
why	なぜ、どうして
when	その時、という時に、いつ
what	何、何と
surprise	驚く、驚かす、びっくり、びっくりする
meet - met - met	会う、出会う、待ち合わせる、出迎える
job	仕事、職、役割
where	どこ
care	心配してくれる
only	だけ、のみ、ただ、ひとりの、ただ一人の、ただ一つの
Israel	イスラエル（国）
or	または、あるいは
other	他の、他
country	国
too	も
happen	起こる
symbolize	象徴する
look!	ほら
world	世、世界
sin	悪い考え、態度、言葉、行い - 罪、罪を犯す
New Testament	新約聖書（イエス・キリストからの聖書の話）
feel - felt - felt	感じる