

Sermon Notes – December 19, 2021

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Today’s texts: Acts 8:26-35 and Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The heart of Christmas is the gospel – the amazing story of the _____ life, _____ death, and _____ resurrection of Jesus. The more we understand the gospel, the more we appreciate the richness of Christmas. Interestingly, as the book of Acts tells the story of the early church and the expansion of the gospel, an amazing story unfolds about how God sent the gospel to Africa using the book of Isaiah! Who would have thought of using Isaiah as a “gospel tract?” Well, God did! And what a story it is!

God Himself Oversees The Mission Of The Church

(Acts 8:26-35)

- ⇒ At this moment in history, God is at work to spread the gospel, even using _____ to do so! (8:1; cf. Acts 1:8) Don’t miss this profound detail. Here is mystery indeed.
- ⇒ Philip is obedient to God’s direction, and God’s _____ is perfect. God’s “fingerprints” are all over this moment. (8:26, 29)

The Savior Long Foretold
Acts 8:26-35; Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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- ⇒ The question: “About whom does the prophet say this?” So, Philip opens his mouth (#1), starts exactly where the man is (#2), and he tells the man who Jesus is and what He has done (#3).
- ⇒ Not surprisingly, the words from the prophet Isaiah captured the heart of the Ethiopian man, and even without knowing it at the beginning, God’s powerful Word was drawing that man to Jesus!

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Four key words will help us understand the text. Hear God’s Word!

- ⇒ S _____: Jesus died in our place. (53:4-6; I Peter 2:24; Genesis 22)
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Responding to God’s Word in Worship & Obedience

- ⇒ Do you see the divine mystery in the text? How can you read Isaiah 53:10 and not be awestruck at the mystery and the majesty of God?
“’Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine! ‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; Let angel minds inquire no more. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!” (Charles Wesley)
- ⇒ Indeed, worship God for His amazing plan of redemption! “Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Jesus, to Thee be all glory given!”

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“God’s Providential Rule Over Evil” (Isaiah 10:5-34)

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Answer Key: • perfect • atoning • triumphant • persecution • timing • Substitution • Redemption • Propitiation • Reconciliation

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