

Acts 8:26 — A Question

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “In Acts 8:26, it says that the area where Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch was desert. My question is, If the area was desert, how could there have been enough water available for Philip to have baptized the eunuch?”

Acts 8:26-NKJV states:

“Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is desert.”

The term “desert” in the above passage signifies an empty or desolate place or uninhabited area. It does not refer to either a lack or an abundance of a water supply.

Compare Mark 6:35-ASV regarding the place where Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 folks and note the phrase, “The place is desert.” In a parallel account in John 6:10-NKJV, John documents that “there was much grass in the place.” This was obviously an area where there was enough rainfall for grass to grow.

Thus in Acts 8:26, there was enough water in that area for Philip to baptize the eunuch (Acts 8:36-38-NKJV).



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Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell
Communion- Gary Harris **Closing Prayer-** Jerry McDonald
Sermon- Don DeLukie

February 16th

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Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Sermon- Charles Fricke

Announcements

—**Prayer Request & information Group Message:** Our member group message is now being organized by Kathy Manning. If you would like to begin receiving these updates, please give your info to Kathy.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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OF THINGS NOT SEEN.
HEBREWS 11:1
SIMPLIFIED KJV

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Bereaved: Family of Ronnie White.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Melanie Christy, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



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1 - Jay Anthony McDaniel
8 - Ed Haltom
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13 - Alex Townsend
22 - Sybil Binford
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29 - Chuck & Shannon Boyer

