

EASTER CHANGED THESE SIX LIVES

Acts 6 - 9



Stephen:
Love for Jesus No Matter What



“ THEREFORE, BROTHERS, PICK OUT FROM
AMONG YOU SEVEN MEN OF GOOD REPUTE,
FULL OF THE SPIRIT AND OF WISDOM, WHOM
WE WILL APPOINT TO THIS DUTY.

”

Acts 6:3

“ AND WHAT THEY SAID PLEASED THE WHOLE
GATHERING, AND THEY CHOSE STEPHEN, A
MAN FULL OF FAITH AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

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Acts 6:5

“ BUT THEY COULD NOT WITHSTAND THE WISDOM AND THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH HE WAS SPEAKING.

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Acts 6:10

“ AND GAZING AT HIM, ALL WHO SAT IN THE COUNCIL SAW THAT HIS FACE WAS LIKE THE FACE OF AN ANGEL.

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Acts 6:15

“ NOW WHEN THEY HEARD THESE THINGS THEY WERE ENRAGED, AND THEY GROUND THEIR TEETH AT HIM.

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Acts 7:54

“ BUT HE, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GAZED INTO HEAVEN AND SAW THE GLORY OF GOD, AND JESUS STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. AND HE SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED, AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.’ ”

Acts 7:55-56

“ BUT THEY CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE AND STOPPED THEIR EARS AND RUSHED TOGETHER AT HIM. THEN THEY CAST HIM OUT OF THE CITY AND STONED HIM.... AND AS THEY WERE STONING STEPHEN, HE CALLED OUT, ‘LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT.’ ”

Acts 7:57-59

“ AND FALLING TO HIS KNEES HE CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, ‘LORD, DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM.’

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Acts 7:60

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Simon: A Self-Centered Superstar



“ BUT THERE WAS A MAN NAMED SIMON, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY PRACTICED MAGIC IN THE CITY AND AMAZED THE PEOPLE OF SAMARIA, SAYING THAT HE HIMSELF WAS SOMEBODY GREAT. THEY ALL PAID ATTENTION TO HIM, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST, SAYING, ‘THIS MAN IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT IS CALLED GREAT.’ AND THEY PAID ATTENTION TO HIM BECAUSE FOR A LONG TIME HE HAD AMAZED THEM WITH HIS MAGIC. ”

Acts 8:9-11

“ BUT WHEN THEY BELIEVED PHILIP AS HE PREACHED GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, THEY WERE BAPTIZED, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. EVEN SIMON HIMSELF BELIEVED, AND AFTER BEING BAPTIZED HE CONTINUED WITH PHILIP. AND SEEING SIGNS AND GREAT MIRACLES PERFORMED, HE WAS AMAZED. ”

Acts 8:12-13

“ GIVE ME THIS POWER ALSO, SO THAT ANYONE
ON WHOM I LAY MY HANDS MAY RECEIVE THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

”

Acts 8:19

“ BUT PETER SAID TO HIM, ‘MAY YOUR SILVER PERISH WITH YOU, BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD OBTAIN THE GIFT OF GOD WITH MONEY!’

”

Acts 8:20

“ REPENT, THEREFORE, OF THIS WICKEDNESS OF YOURS, AND PRAY TO THE LORD THAT, IF POSSIBLE, THE INTENT OF YOUR HEART MAY BE FORGIVEN YOU.

”

Acts 8:21-22

“ AND SIMON ANSWERED, ‘PRAY FOR ME TO THE LORD, THAT NOTHING OF WHAT YOU HAVE SAID MAY COME UPON ME.’

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Acts 8:24

Simon: A Self-Centered Superstar



Ethiopian Treasurer: A Prominent African Seeker



“ AND HE ROSE AND WENT. AND THERE WAS AN ETHIOPIAN, A EUNUCH, A COURT OFFICIAL OF CANDACE, QUEEN OF THE ETHIOPIANS, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF ALL HER TREASURE.

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Acts 8:27

“ HE HAD COME TO JERUSALEM TO WORSHIP
AND WAS RETURNING, SEATED IN HIS
CHARIOT, AND HE WAS READING THE
PROPHET ISAIAH.

”

Acts 8:28

“ SO PHILIP RAN TO HIM AND HEARD HIM
READING ISAIAH THE PROPHET AND ASKED,
‘DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE
READING?’ AND HE SAID, ‘HOW CAN I,
UNLESS SOMEONE GUIDES ME?’ AND HE
INVITED PHILIP TO COME UP AND SIT WITH
HIM.

”

Acts 8:30-31

“ NOW THE PASSAGE OF THE SCRIPTURE THAT HE WAS READING WAS THIS: ‘LIKE A SHEEP HE WAS LED TO THE SLAUGHTER AND LIKE A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE OPENS NOT HIS MOUTH.’ ”

Acts 8:32

“ AND AS THEY WERE GOING ALONG THE ROAD THEY CAME TO SOME WATER, AND THE EUNUCH SAID, ‘SEE, HERE IS WATER! WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED?’ AND HE COMMANDED THE CHARIOT TO STOP, AND THEY BOTH WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER, PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH, AND HE BAPTIZED HIM.”

Acts 8:36-38

Ethiopian Treasurer: A Prominent African Seeker



Aeneas:
A Saint with a Devastating Disability

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“ NOW AS PETER WENT HERE AND THERE
AMONG THEM ALL, HE CAME DOWN ALSO TO
THE SAINTS WHO LIVED AT LYDDA. THERE HE
FOUND A MAN NAMED AENEAS, BEDRIDDEN
FOR EIGHT YEARS, WHO WAS PARALYZED. ”

Acts 9:32-33

“ AND PETER SAID TO HIM, ‘AENEAS, JESUS CHRIST HEALS YOU; RISE AND MAKE YOUR BED.’ AND IMMEDIATELY HE ROSE.

”

Acts 9:34

“ AND ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LYDDA AND SHARON SAW HIM, AND THEY TURNED TO THE LORD.

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Acts 9:35

Tabitha: A Caregiver for the Needy



“ NOW THERE WAS IN JOPPA A DISCIPLE
NAMED TABITHA, WHICH, TRANSLATED,
MEANS DORCAS. SHE WAS FULL OF GOOD
WORKS AND ACTS OF CHARITY.

”

Acts 9:36

“ ALL THE WIDOWS STOOD BESIDE [PETER]
WEEPING AND SHOWING TUNICS AND OTHER
GARMENTS THAT DORCAS MADE WHILE SHE
WAS WITH THEM.

”

Acts 9:39

“ BUT PETER PUT THEM ALL OUTSIDE, AND KNELT DOWN AND PRAYED; AND TURNING TO THE BODY HE SAID, ‘TABITHA, ARISE.’ AND SHE OPENED HER EYES, AND WHEN SHE SAW PETER SHE SAT UP. AND HE GAVE HER HIS HAND AND RAISED HER UP. THEN, CALLING THE SAINTS AND WIDOWS, HE PRESENTED HER ALIVE. ”

Acts 9:40-41

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Acts 9:40-41

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“ AND IT BECAME KNOWN THROUGHOUT ALL
JOPPA, AND MANY BELIEVED IN THE LORD.

”

Acts 9:40-41

Saul: Easter's Ultimate Enemy



“ THEN THEY STONED [STEPHEN]. AND THE WITNESSES LAID DOWN THEIR GARMENTS AT THE FEET OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED SAUL. ... AND SAUL APPROVED OF HIS EXECUTION.

”

Acts 7:58-8:1

“ BUT SAUL WAS RAVAGING THE CHURCH, AND ENTERING HOUSE AFTER HOUSE, HE DRAGGED OFF MEN AND WOMEN AND COMMITTED THEM TO PRISON.

”

Acts 8:3

“ BUT SAUL, STILL BREATHING THREATS AND MURDER AGAINST THE DISCIPLES OF THE LORD, WENT TO THE HIGH PRIEST AND ASKED HIM FOR LETTERS TO THE SYNAGOGUES AT DAMASCUS, SO THAT IF HE FOUND ANY BELONGING TO THE WAY, MEN OR WOMEN, HE MIGHT BRING THEM BOUND TO JERUSALEM. NOW AS HE WENT ON HIS WAY, HE APPROACHED DAMASCUS...”

Acts 9:1-3

“ AND SUDDENLY A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN SHONE AROUND HIM. AND FALLING TO THE GROUND, HE HEARD A VOICE SAYING TO HIM, ‘SAUL, SAUL, WHY ARE YOU PERSECUTING ME?’ AND HE SAID, ‘WHO ARE YOU, LORD?’ AND HE SAID, ‘I AM JESUS, WHOM YOU ARE PERSECUTING. ’ ”

Acts 9:3-5

“ THE SAYING IS TRUSTWORTHY AND DESERVING OF FULL ACCEPTANCE, THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS, OF WHOM I AM THE FOREMOST.

”

1 Timothy 1:15

“ I COUNT EVERYTHING AS LOSS BECAUSE OF
THE SURPASSING WORTH OF KNOWING
CHRIST JESUS MY LORD.

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Philippians 3:8

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