

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

1 Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem...


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...and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.


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2 Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.


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3 But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

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The Plan 1-3

1. Divine Tension
2. Spiritual Assault
3. Strategic Assignment

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"The Bible is not the basis of missions; missions is the basis of the Bible"

Ralph Winter


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4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.


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5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them.

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The Unplanned! 4-5

1. Be Ready!
2. Be Vocal


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6 The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.


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7 For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice...


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...and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.


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8 So there was much rejoicing in that city.

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Joyous Response 6-8


“If I had 1,000 lives, I'd give them all for China”

Hudson Taylor

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James & Mary Calvert
Fiji missionaries
1838-1865
South Africa
1871-1891
died 1892

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"No one has the right to hear the gospel twice, while there remains someone who has not heard it once."

Oswald J. Smith

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