

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.



For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.



Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.



Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

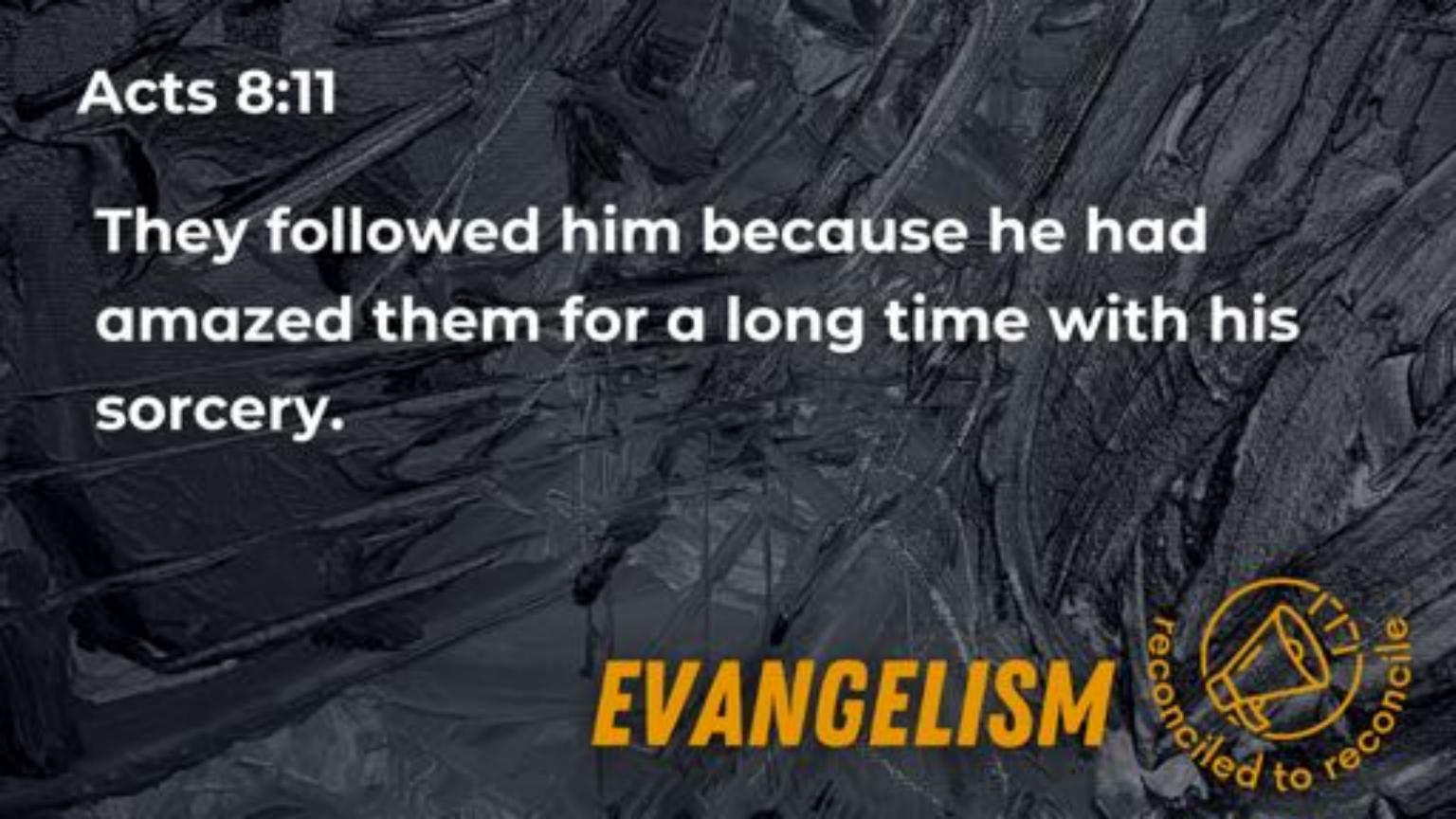


Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria.



and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God."





But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ,





Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.



When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.



When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,



because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.





When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money



and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."



Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!



You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.



Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.





Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."



After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem,





Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."



But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)



"or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).



But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:





If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.





For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,





Jeremiah 31:33

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord...



Jeremiah 31:33cont.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.



### 2 Corinthians 3:3

You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God,





## **Romans 10:14**

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?





## **Romans 10:15**

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"



Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."



So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake



Acts 8:27cont. (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, EVANGELISM

Acts 8:28-29

28and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."



Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

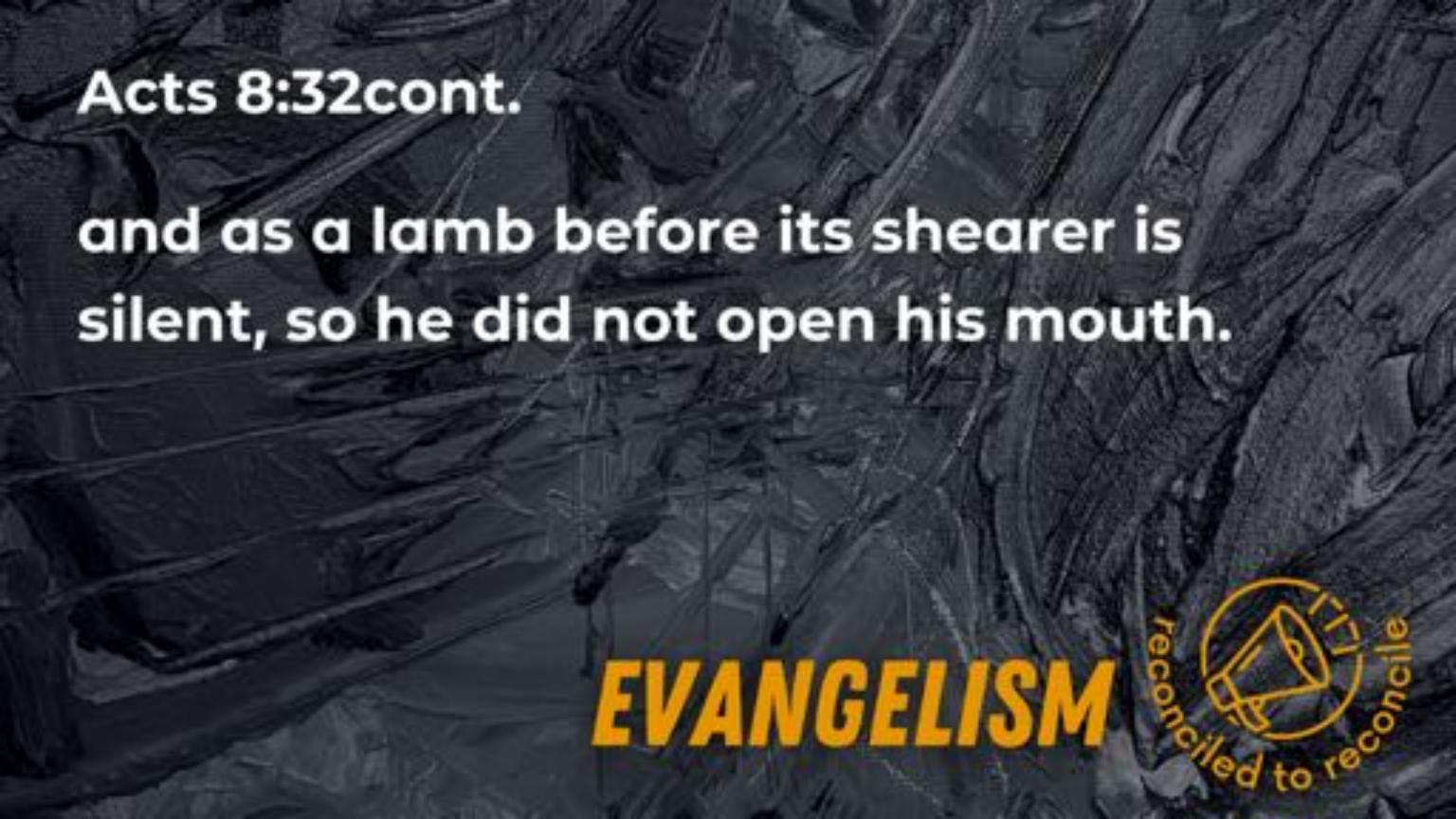


"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.



This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,





In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."



The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"



Acts 8:35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.



As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"



And he gave orders to stop the chariot.
Then both Philip and the eunuch went
down into the water and Philip baptized
him.



When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.



Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

