

# Acts 8:4-40

Winter 2023-2024

SVCC Bible 101 — The Book of Acts

## Acts 8:4-25 Highlights:

Review from 8:1-3 — Why had many Christians been "scattered"?

8:5 — not Philip the apostle (1:13), but one of the \_\_\_\_\_ (6:3-5)

### A few ways in which Samaritans and Jews were...

#### ...SIMILAR

- believed in the same God
- traced their lineage back to \_\_\_\_\_
- lived in the Jewish homeland (Israel in former times)
- followed the teachings of \_\_\_\_\_ (the Law)

#### ...DIFFERENT

- Samaritans did not accept any of the 39 books of the Jewish scriptures except the 5 books of Moses (Genesis to Deuteronomy)
- Jews worshiped God at the temple on Mt. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem; Samaritans worshiped on Mt. \_\_\_\_\_ (see John 4:19; the Samaritans had a temple there until the Jews destroyed it in 128 BC)
- Jews considered Samaritans to be only part-Jewish, their ancestors having been mixed with non-Jewish groups
- In the first century AD, there were often tensions and there was sometimes violence between Jews and Samaritans; Jews typically did not associate with Samaritans (John 4:9); Jesus, however, did

8:12-13 — How did the Samaritans respond to Philip's message about Jesus? — they \_\_\_\_\_ and were \_\_\_\_\_

8:14-17 — The Holy Spirit came upon the new believers in a strange way because they were the first \_\_\_\_\_ believers, and this was God's way of confirming (through the apostles Peter and John) that he accepted them. (We'll see something similar happen in Acts 10:44-46.)

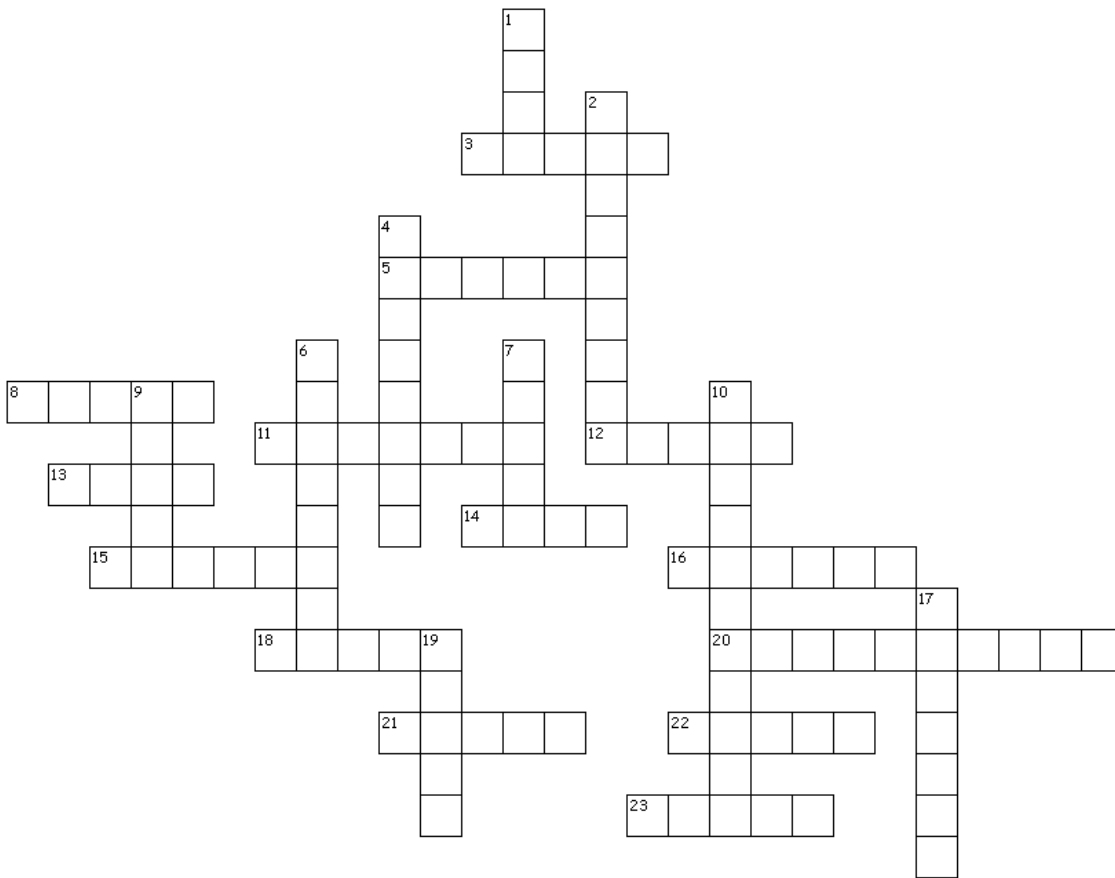
8:18-19 — Simon wanted to buy the ability to give people the \_\_\_\_\_.

8:30 — The Ethiopian was reading from the writings of the prophet \_\_\_\_\_.

8:32-33 — What event was the prophet describing in the passage the Ethiopian was reading?  
— the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

8:36-38 — How did the Ethiopian respond to Philip's message about Jesus? — he was \_\_\_\_\_

# Acts 8:4-40 (NIV)



## Across

3. told Philip to go to the desert road
5. Philip appeared at this place and traveled about
8. Simon was called the "Great \_\_\_ of God"
11. the Ethiopian was riding in this vehicle
12. Simon offered this to the apostles
13. Spirit of the \_\_\_ suddenly took Philip away
14. Peter told Simon to repent and do this
15. went to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah/Christ there
16. the Ethiopian was reading from the book of this prophet
18. Peter & John placed these on the Samaritan believers
20. apostles prayed that the new believers might receive this (2 words)

21. Philip told the Ethiopian the good news about this person
22. man who practiced sorcery
23. first apostle sent to Samaria

## Down

1. second apostle sent to Samaria
2. Peter and John returned here after preaching in Samaritan villages
4. Philip preached in all the towns until he reached this city
6. Philip met a eunuch from this country
7. "Look, here is \_\_\_\_. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"
9. "His life was taken from the \_\_\_\_"
10. Philip proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of \_\_\_\_ (2 words)
17. impure \_\_\_\_ came out of many people
19. "He was led like a \_\_\_\_ to the slaughter"