



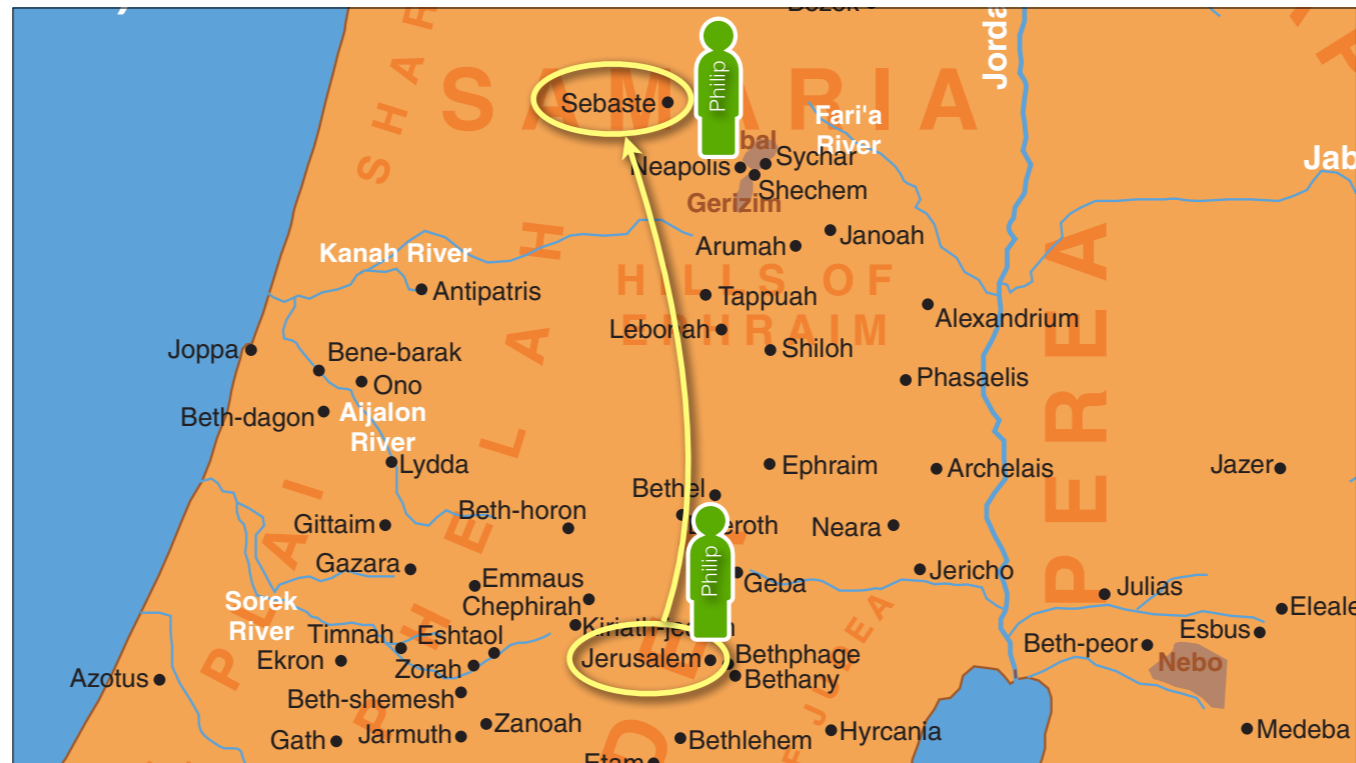
- There was Much Joy
- Acts 8:5-13
- What causes a city to rejoice?
 - Usually, now, it's a sporting event.



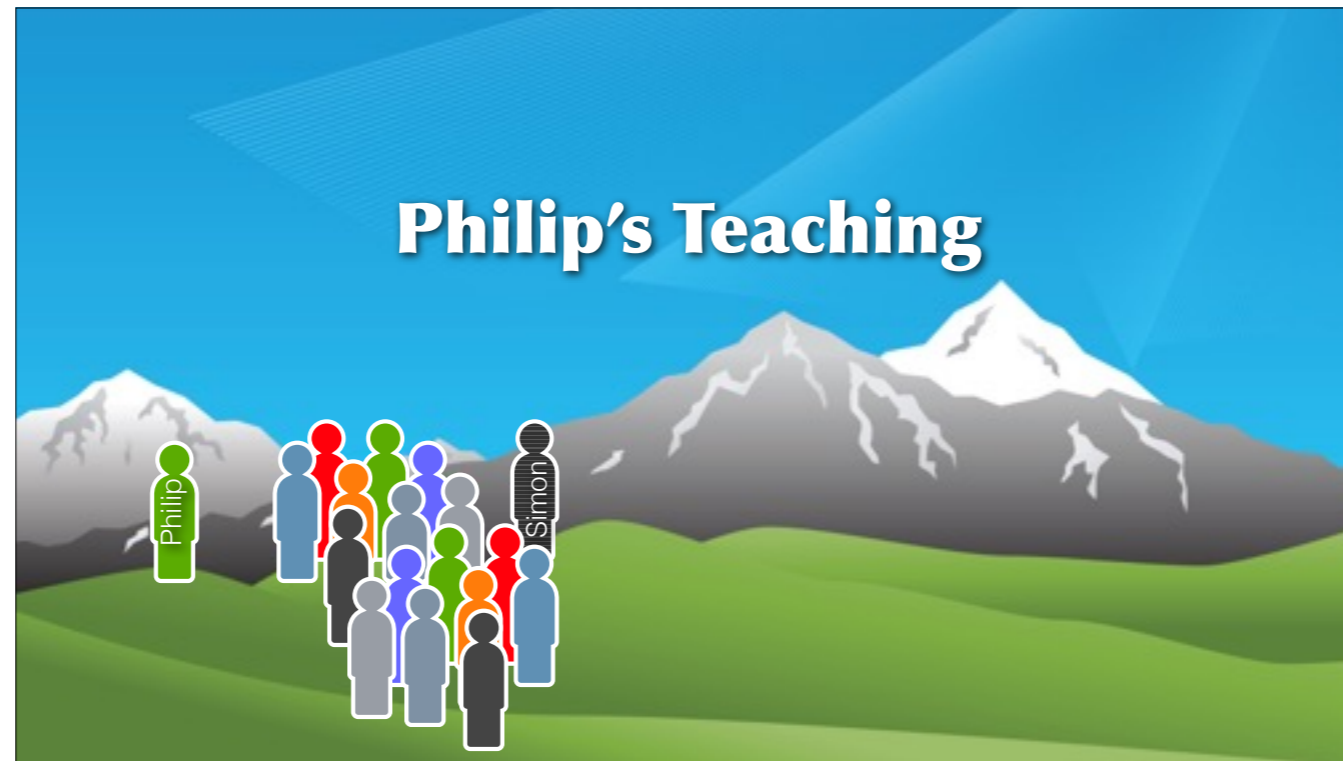
- The spread of the gospel
- Acts 1:7-8: He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



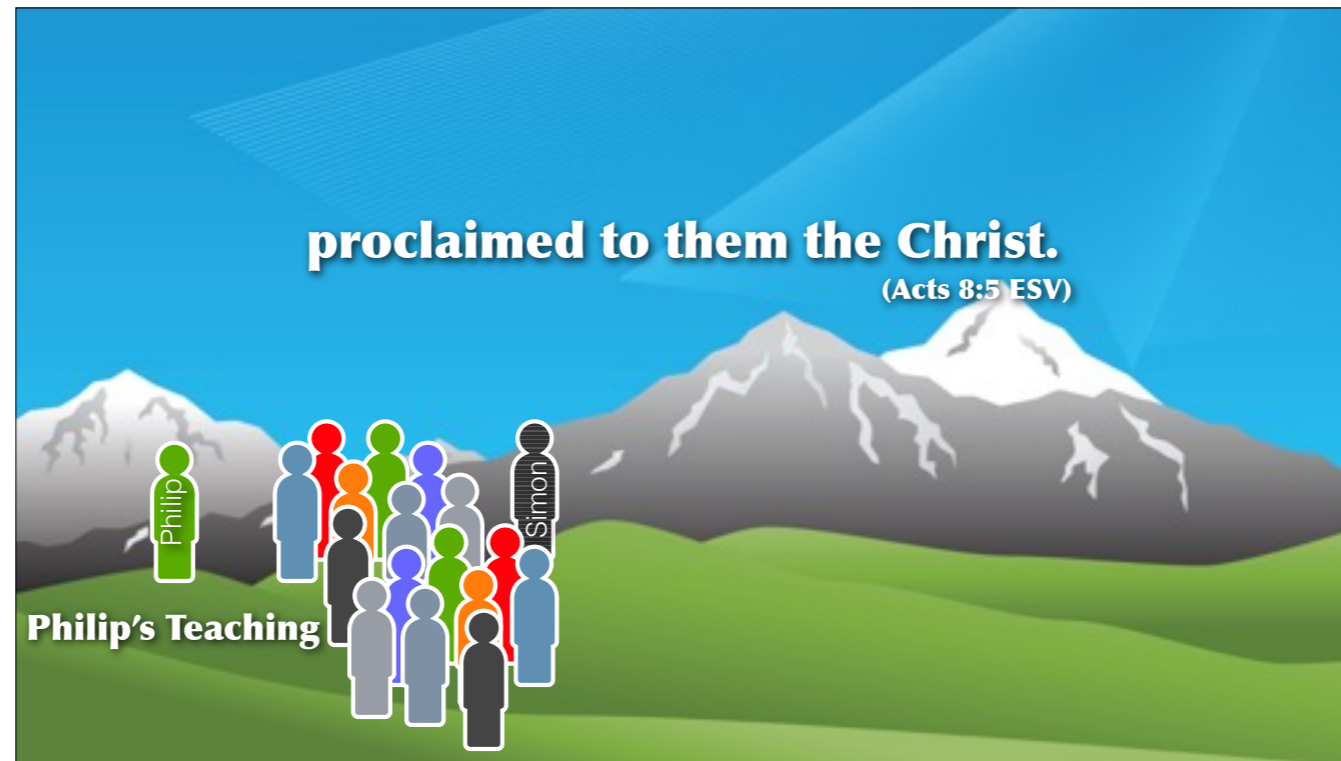
- Acts 8:1-5: And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, **except the apostles**.
- 4: Now those who were scattered **went about preaching the word**.



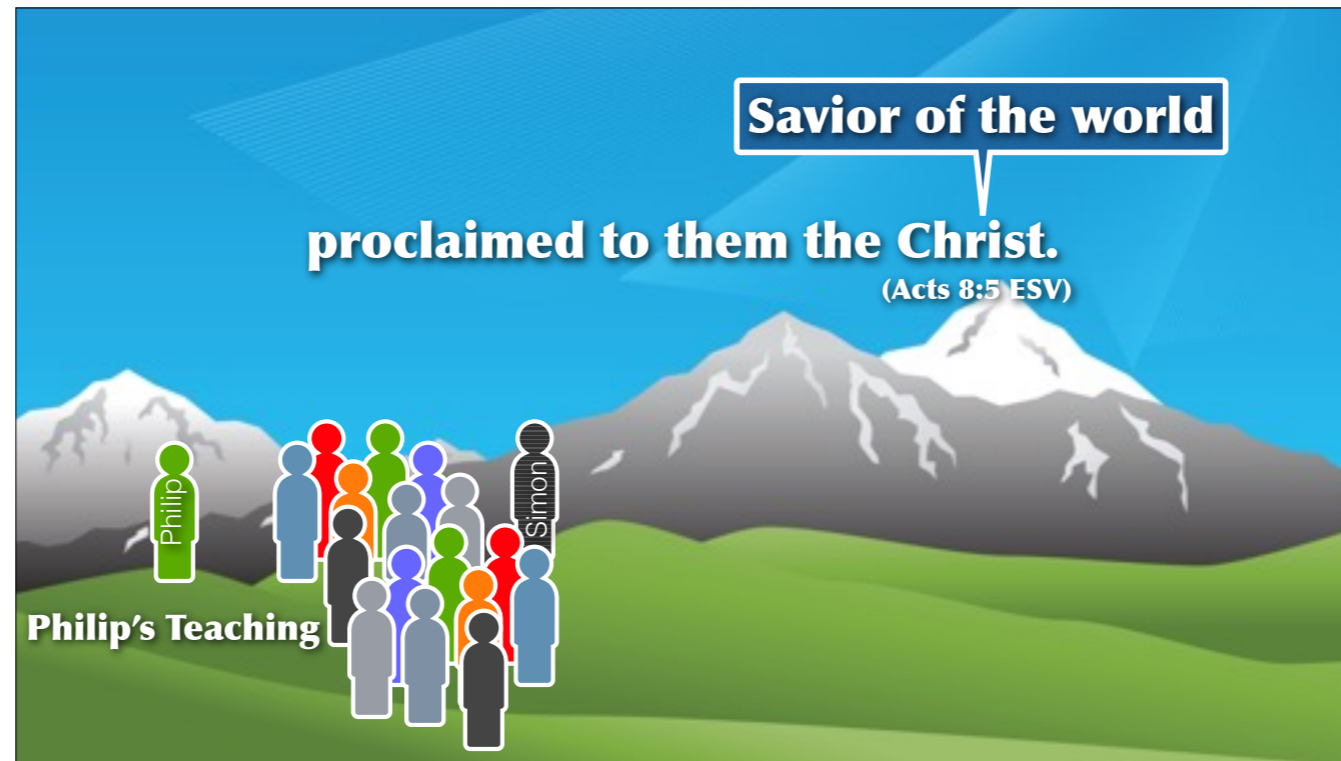
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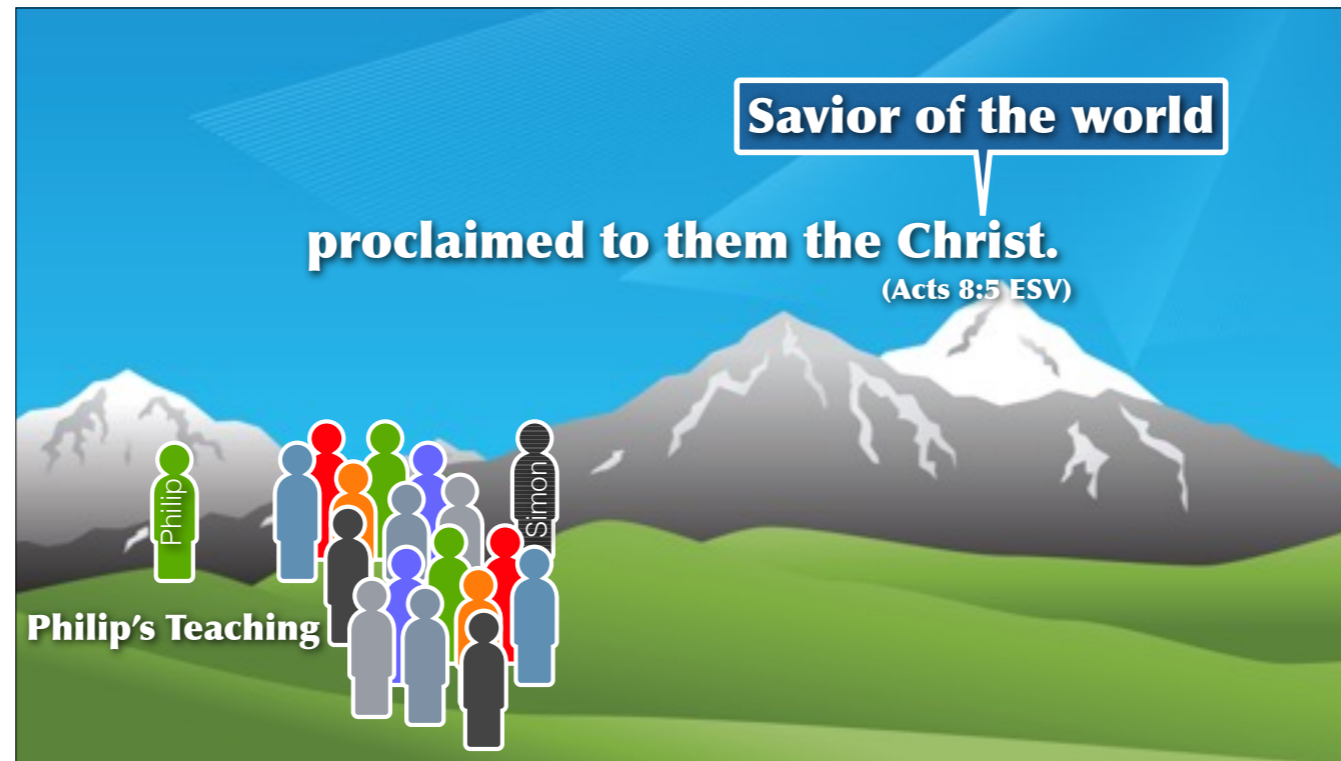
- Philip's Teaching



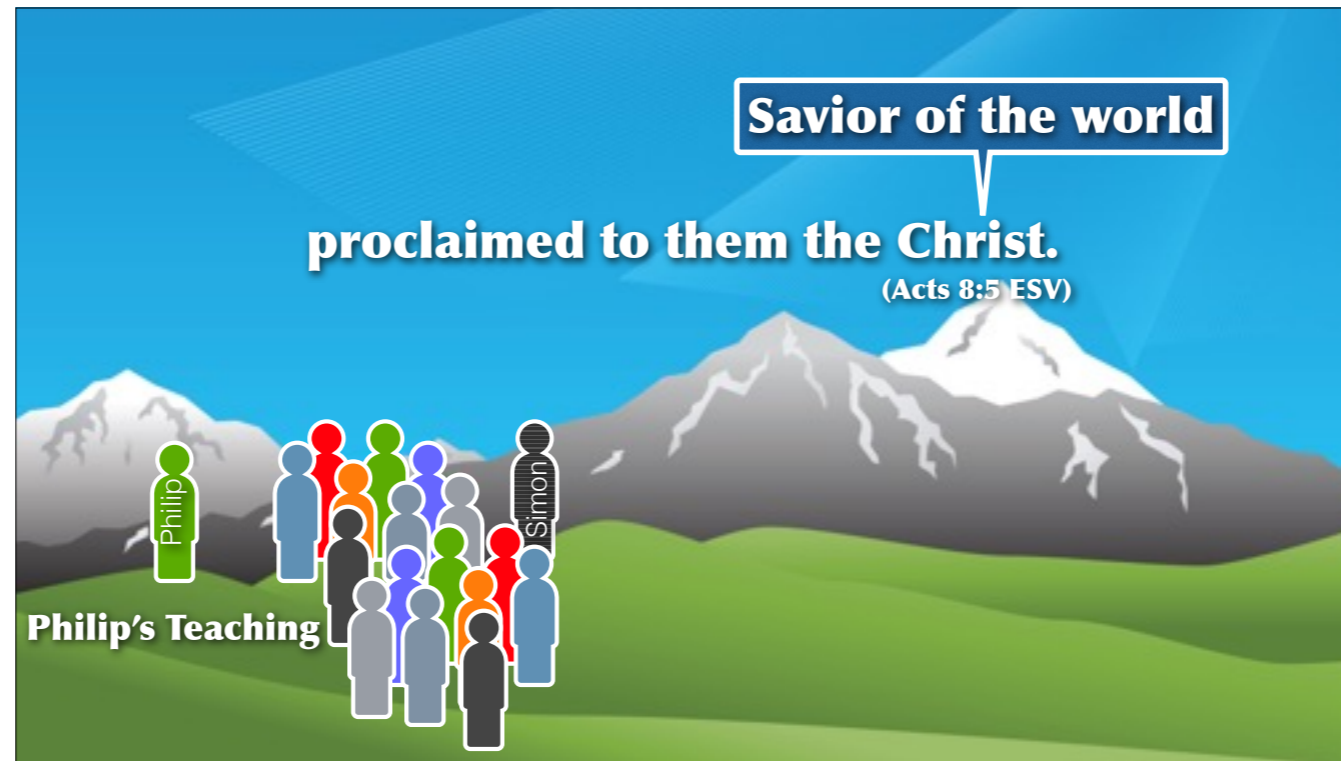
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- Samaritan woman: Jn. 4
 - (1) 25-26: The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, **he will tell us all things.**” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”



- (2)39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.



- 41 And many more believed because of his **word**. 42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have **heard** for ourselves, and **we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.**”



- Acts 8:12: 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.
- What's so good about this teaching???



- Kingdom of God



- a. Daniel 2:44: And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,



- b. John 18:36: Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."



- c. Colossians 1:13: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,



- Name of Jesus Christ



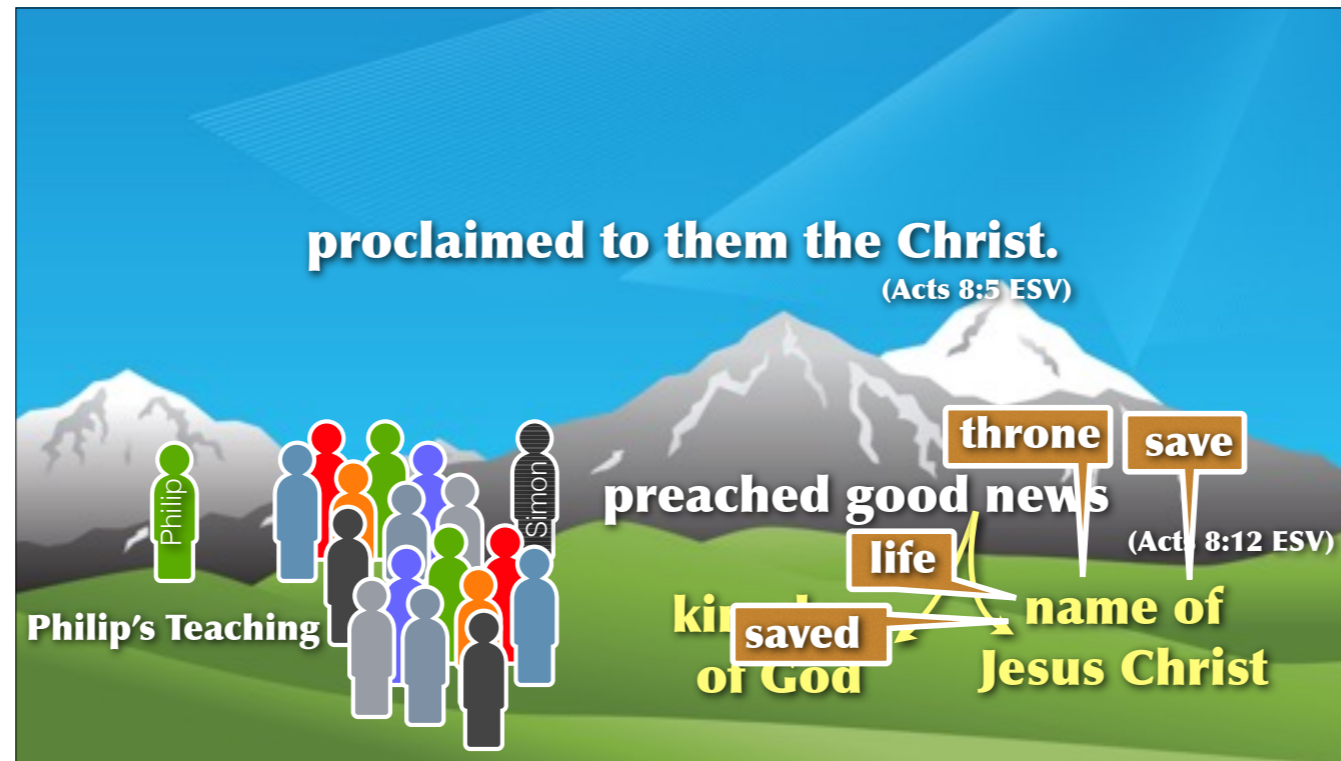
- Matthew 1:21: She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.



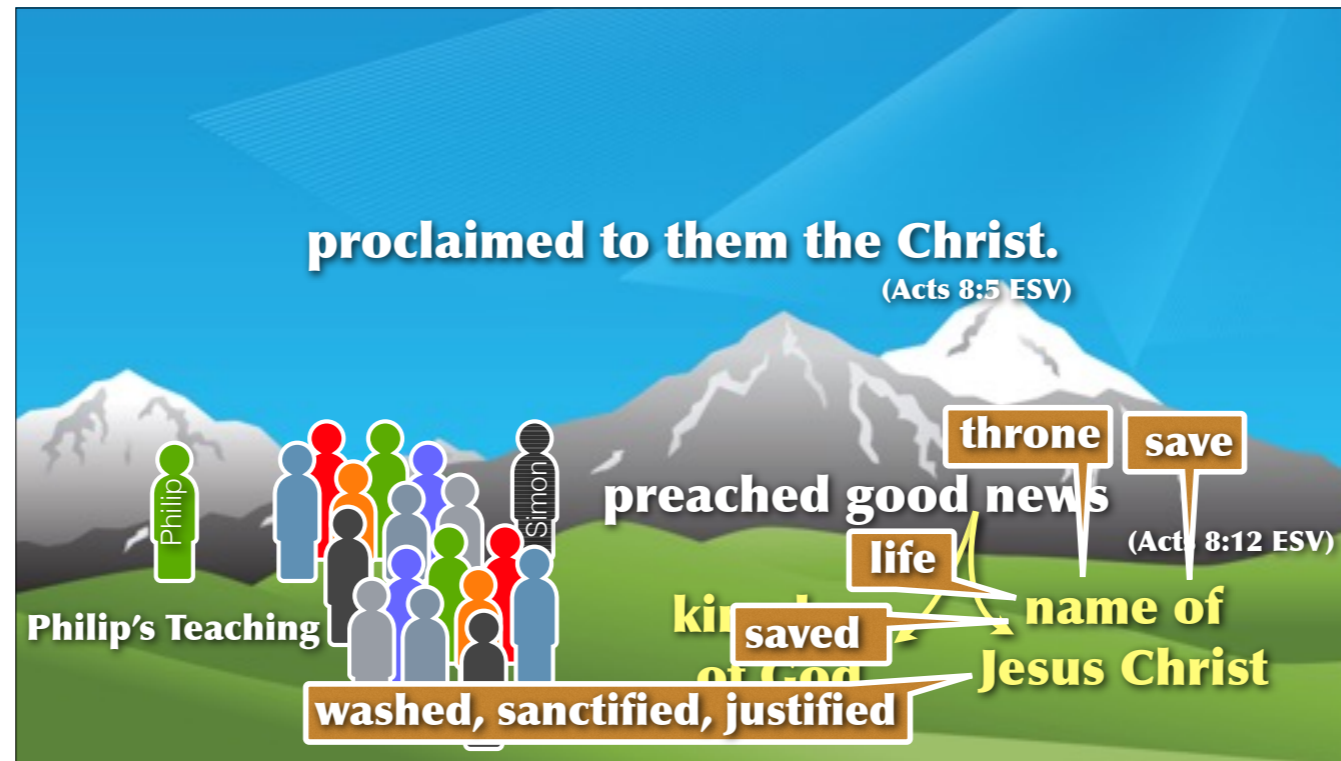
- Luke 1:31-33: And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”



- John 20:30-31: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



- Acts 4:10-12: 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.



- 1 Corinthians 6:11: And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



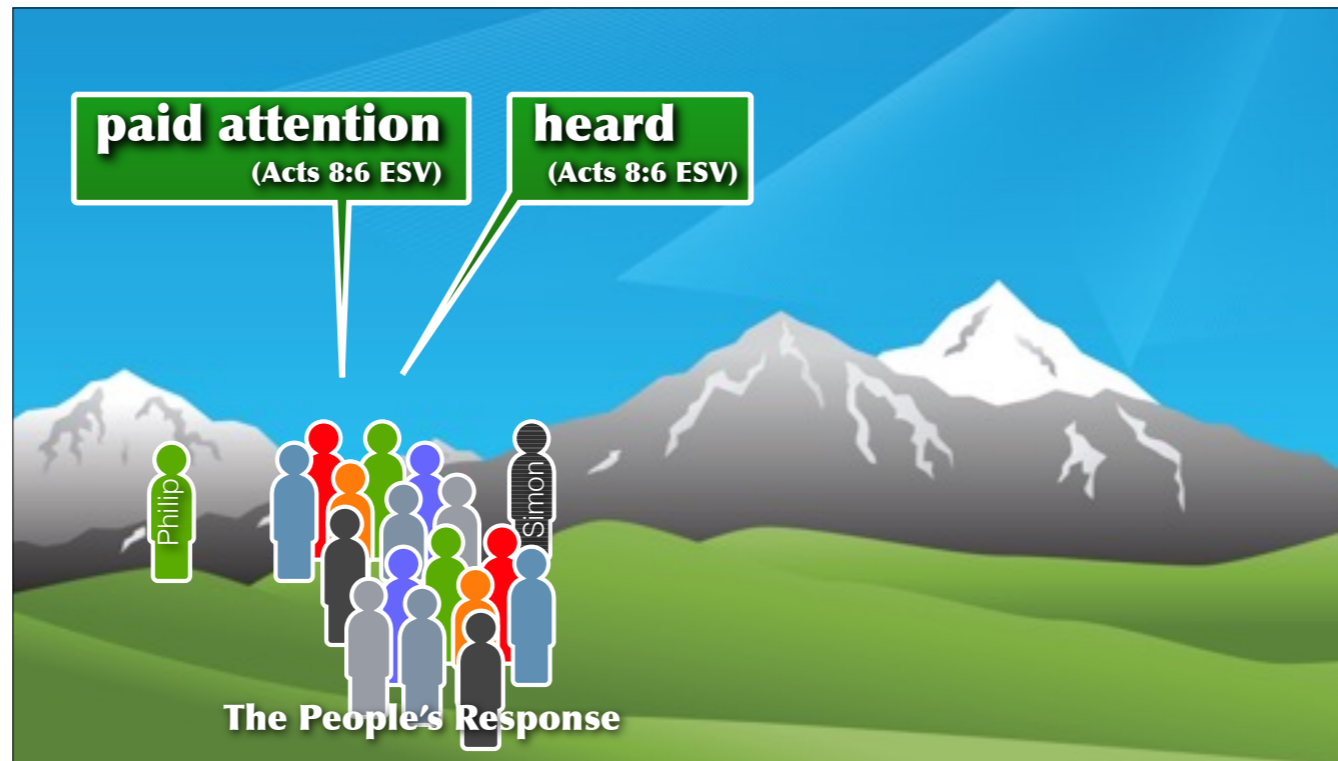
- Signs
 - Acts 8:6-7: And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.



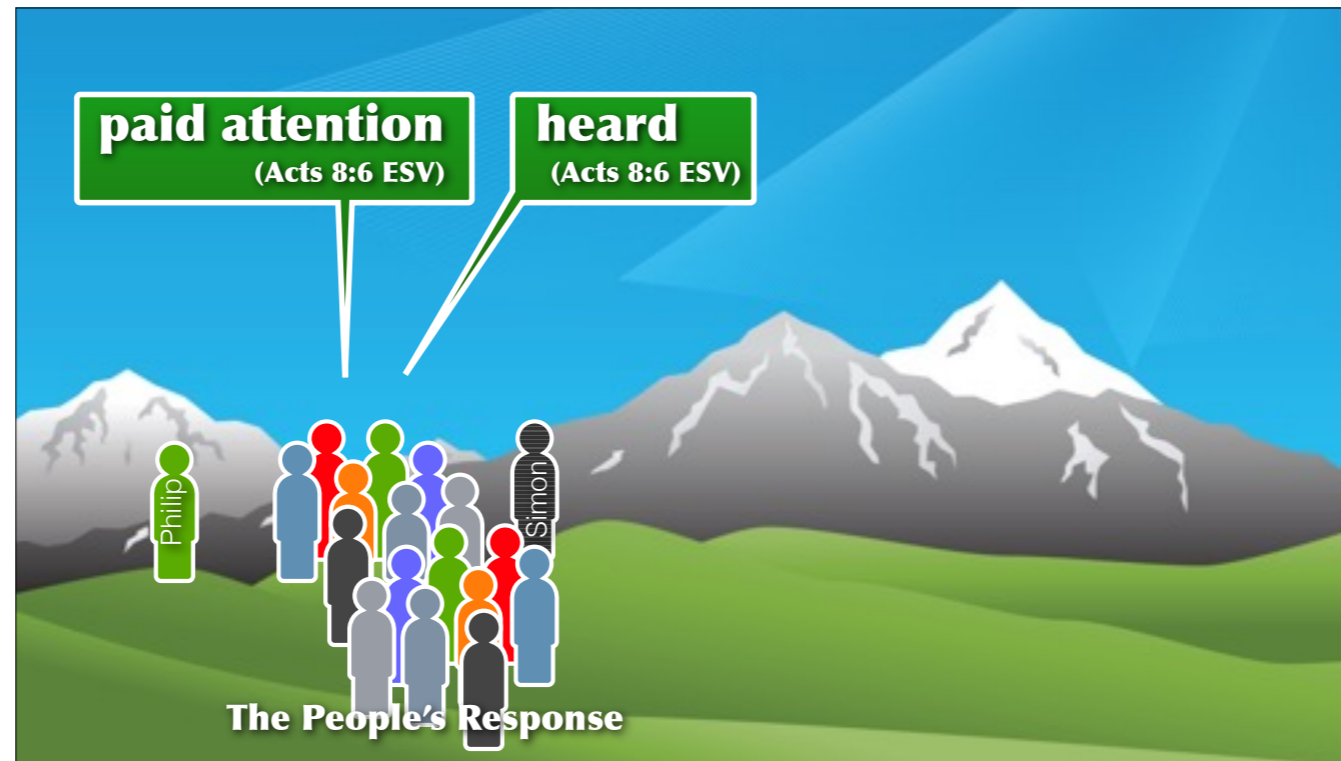
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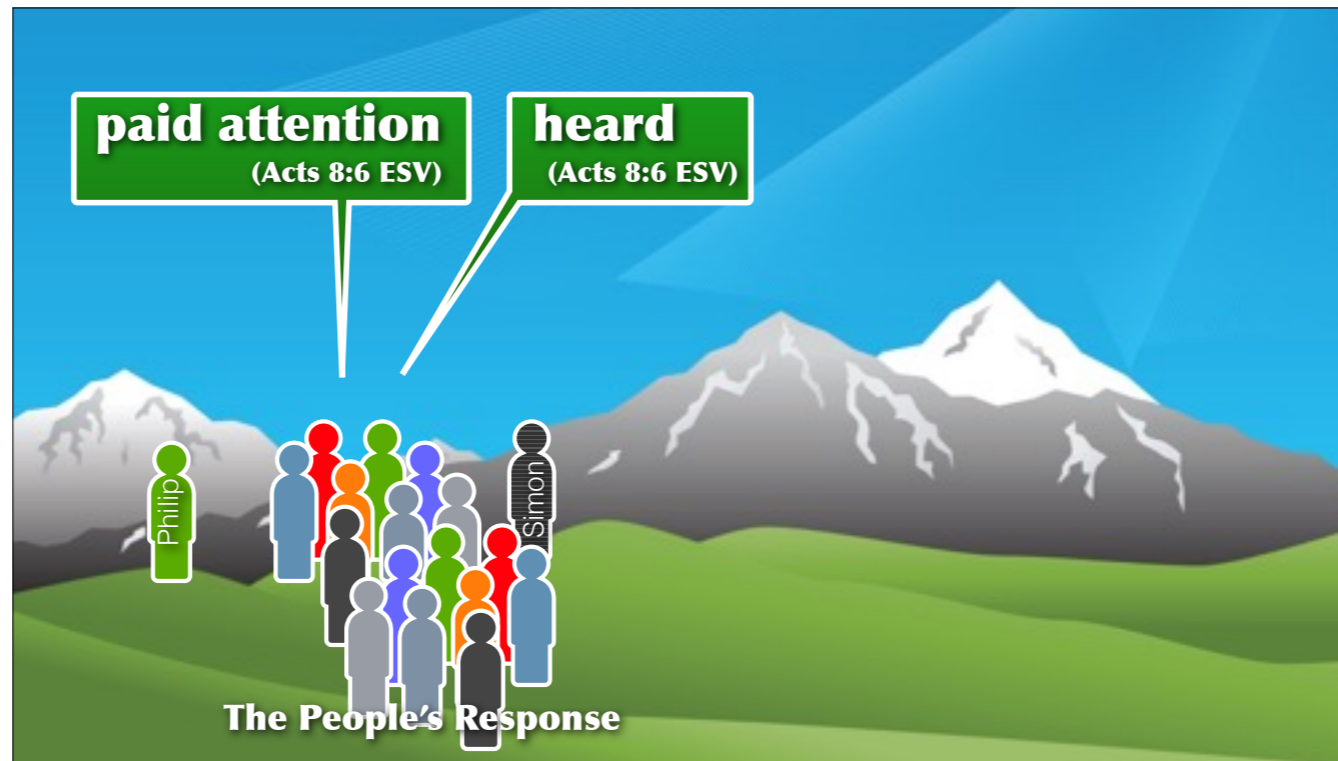
- The People's Response



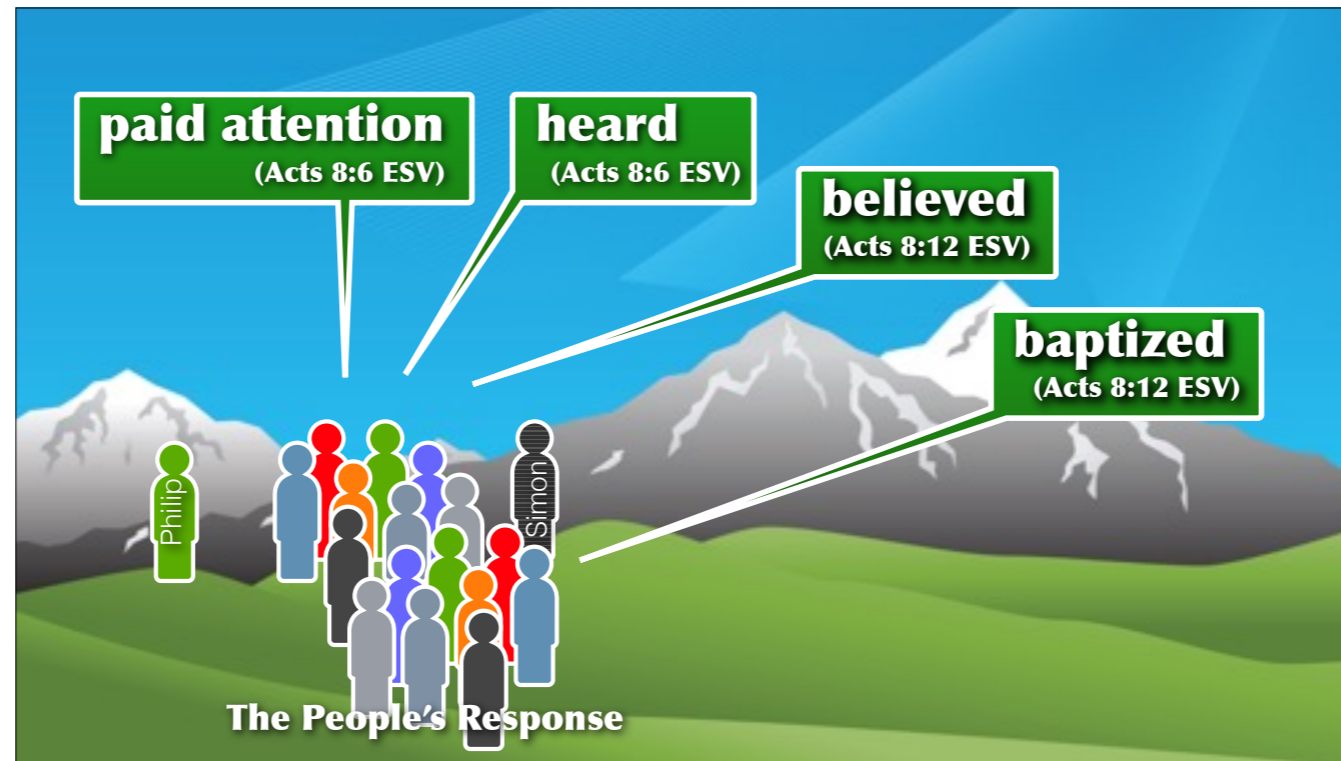
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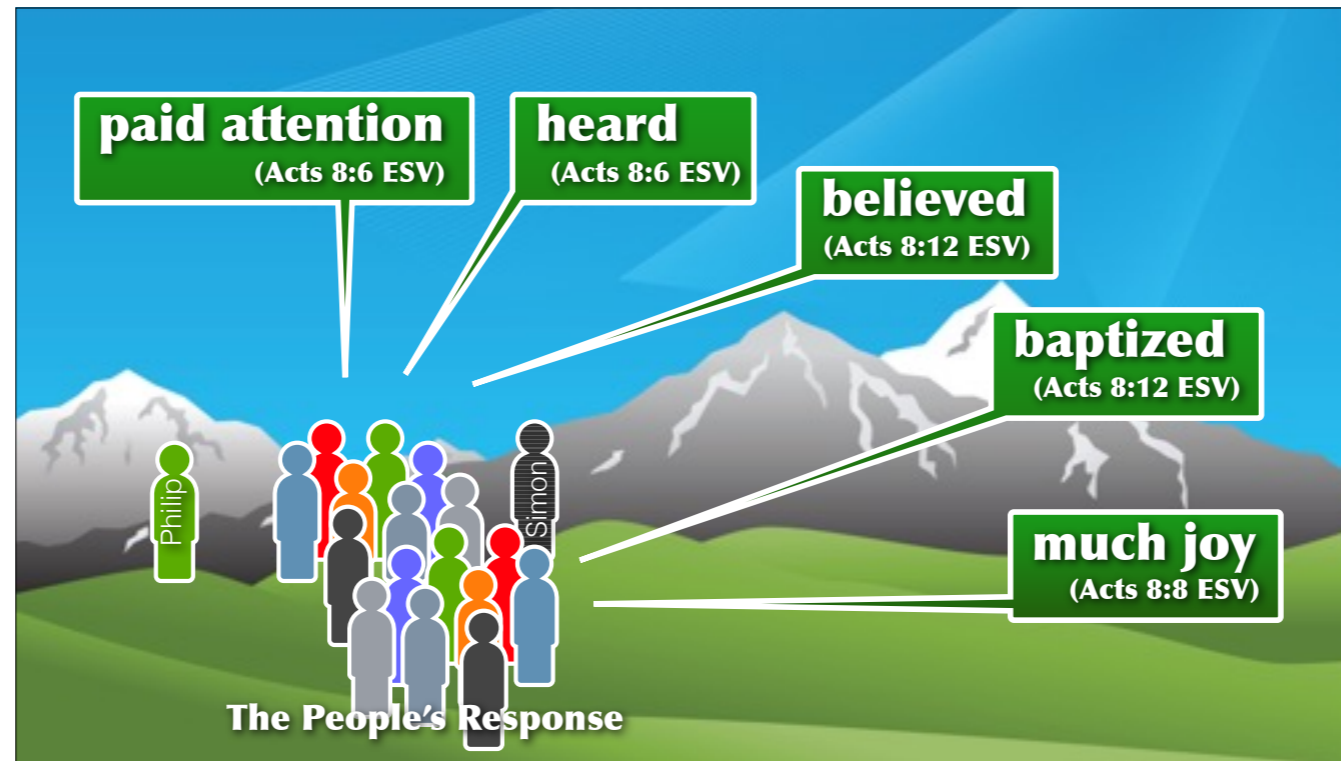
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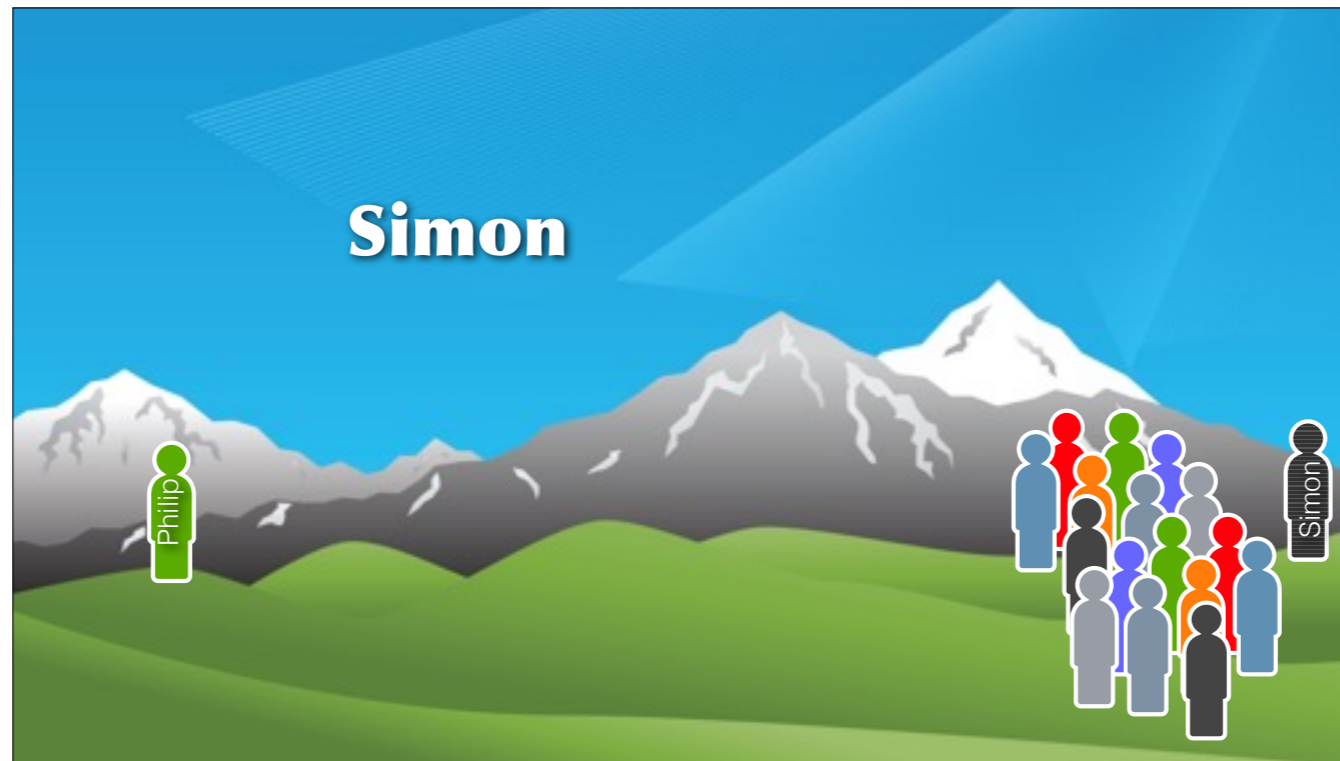
- Romans 10:17: So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
 - **Note:** doesn't say faith comes from "seeing signs"
 - signs point to truth; amaze us; demonstrate power
 - But faith is based in truth and must be heard!



- Acts 8:12 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.
- Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16



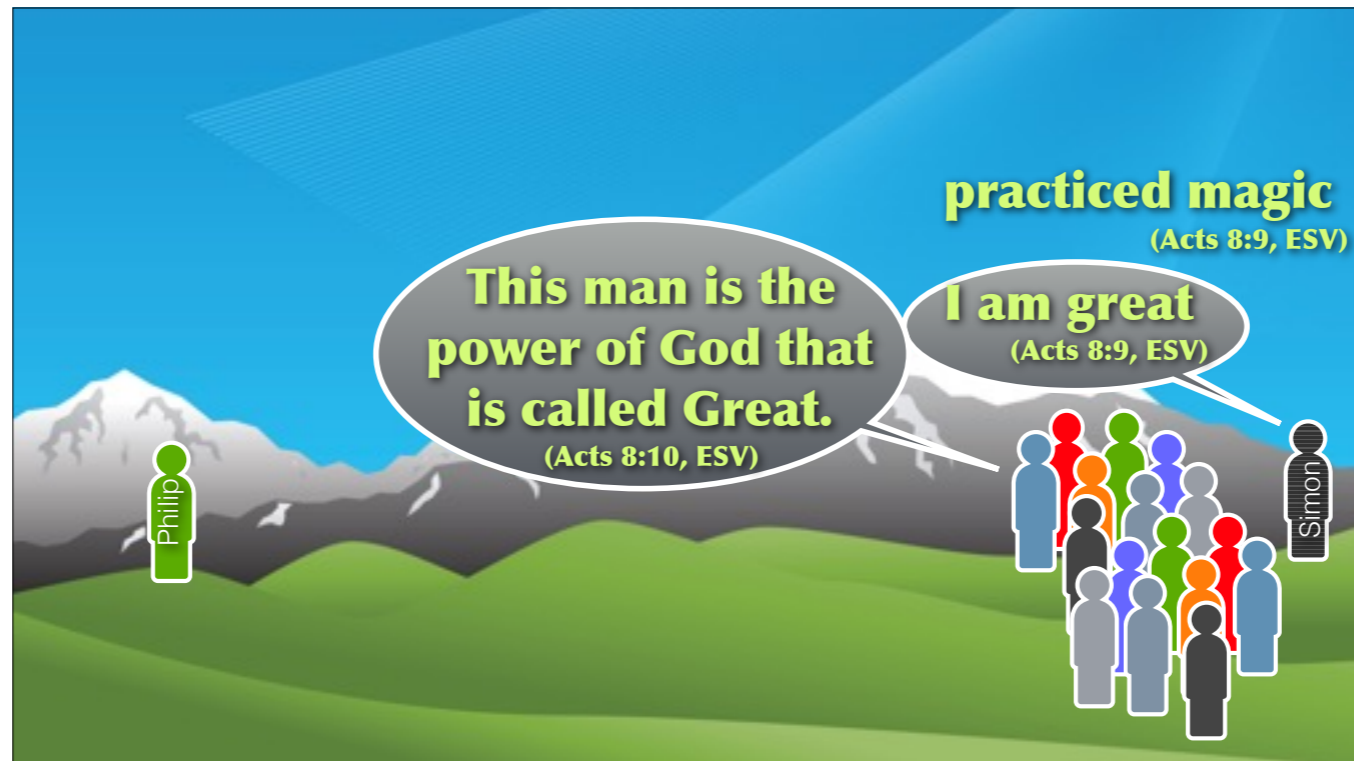
- Acts 8:8 So there was much joy in that city.



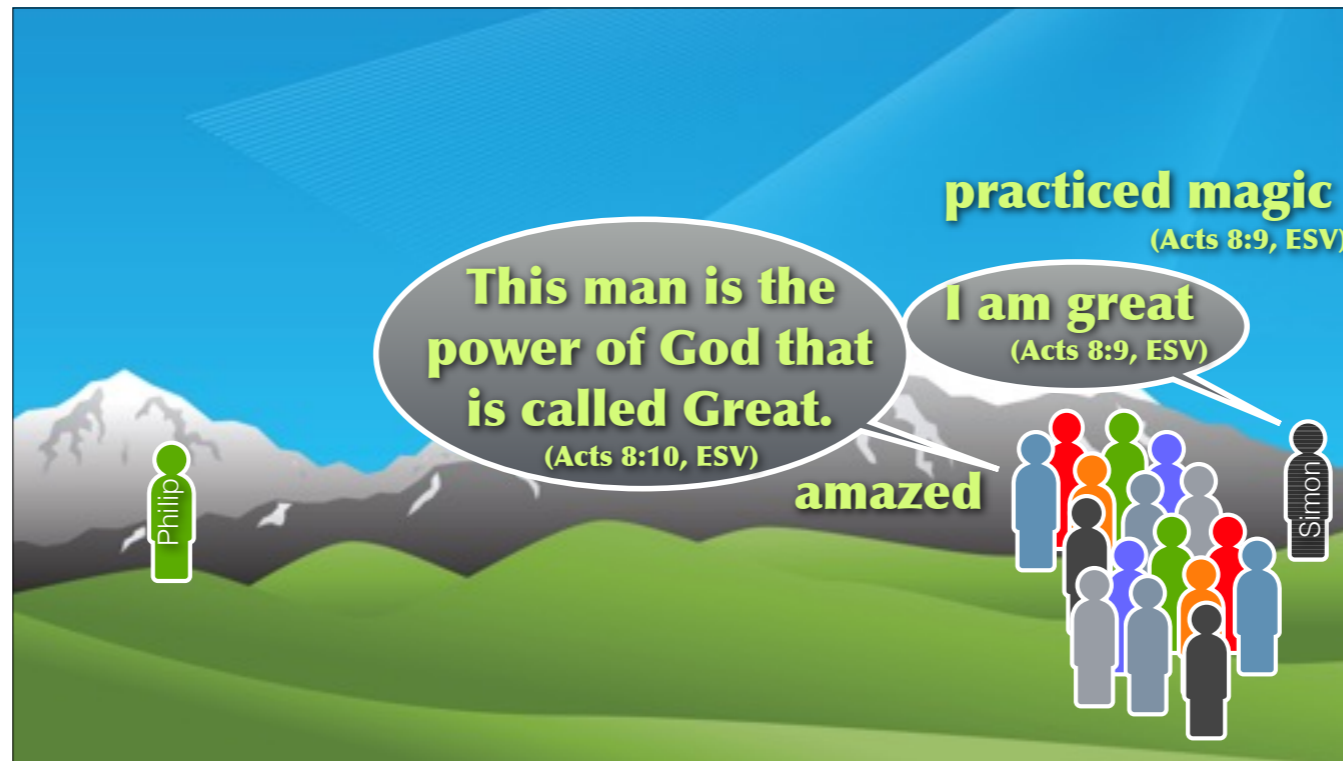
- Simon



- Acts 8:9: 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.



- Acts 8:10 They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the power of God that is called Great.”



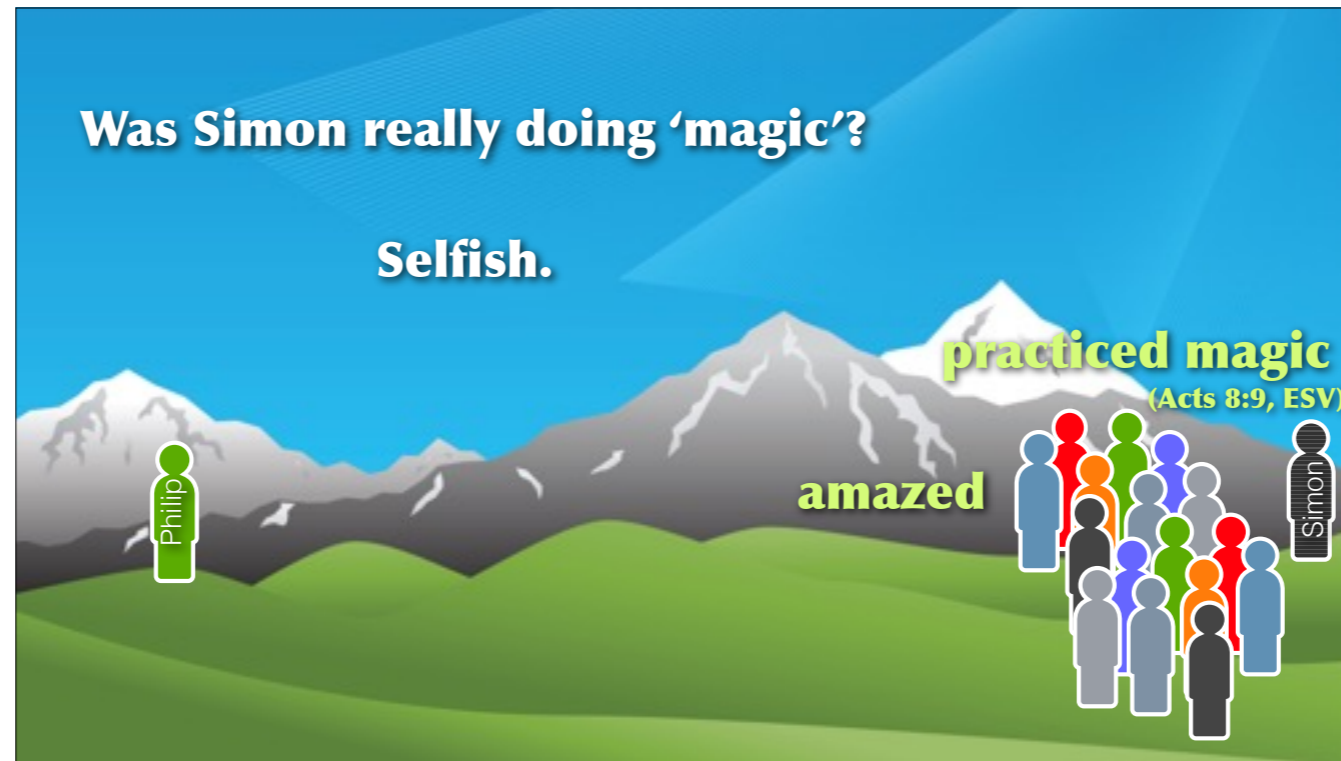
- Acts 8:11 And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic.



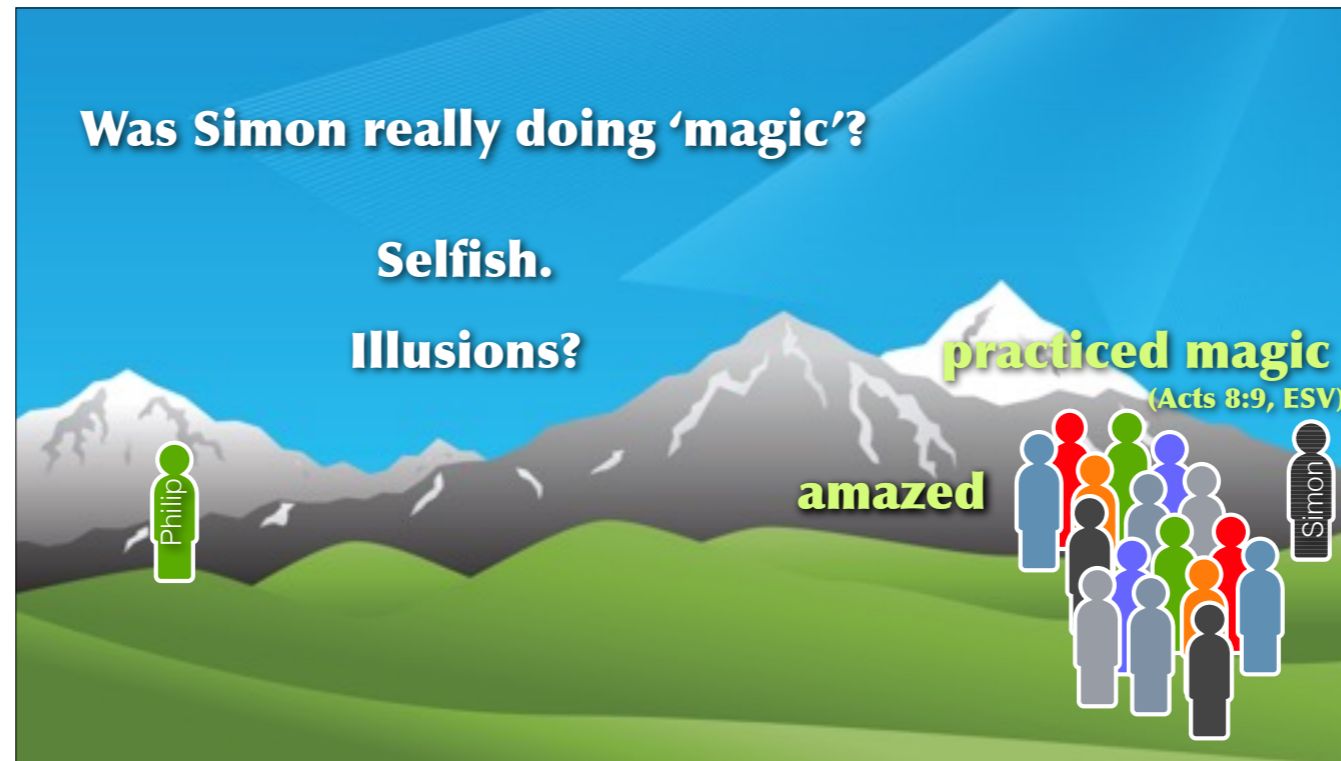
- Philip arrives proclaiming Christ and Kingdom and doing signs... people go to him.
- So did Simon.



- Acts 8:13: Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.



- Simon's magic?
 - Simon's magic was used for selfish reasons:
 - "I am great"
 - people paid attention to Him
- Jesus/ Apostles had better reason...
 - compassion (partial)
 - purpose: verify truth of the word!



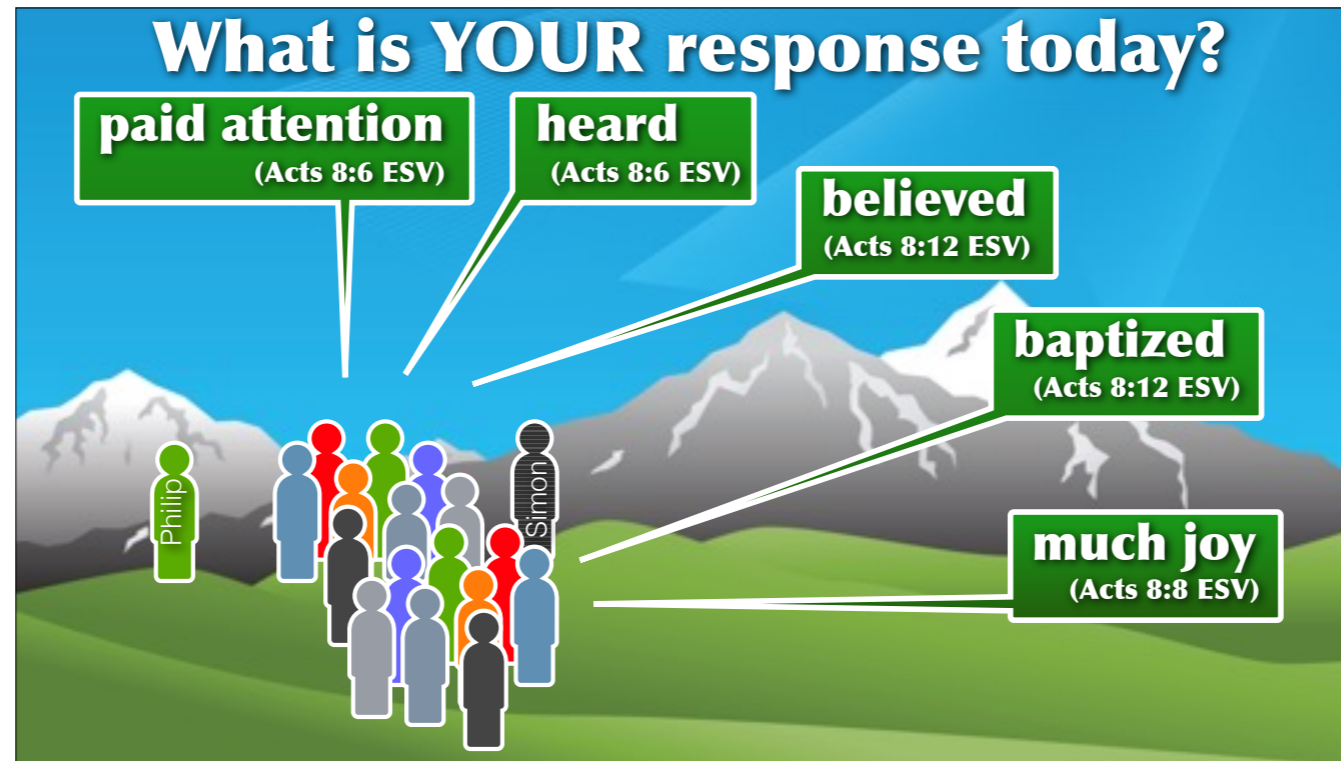
- Was doing “magic”? Or was this illusion?
 - Pharaoh’s magicians mimicked Moses: staff to serpents “**by secret arts**”; water to blood; frogs (Exodus 7:11, 22; 8.7)
 - Couldn’t produce gnats from dust: “This is the finger of God.” (Ex. 8:15)
- Simon amazed by Philip’s signs, miracles!



- 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12: The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, 10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, 12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



- Why no signs, wonders, miracles today?
- Hebrews 2:3-4: how shall we escape if we neglect such a **great salvation**? It was **declared** at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
- Jude 1:3: Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for **the faith that was once for all delivered** to the saints.



- Good News: Christ and Kingdom
- Believe, baptized, Rejoice

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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There Was Much Joy

Acts 8:5-13

Synopsis: When Philip travels to Samaria he provides us with a very concise understanding of the gospel and the proper response to the gospel.

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