



The Good News
About Jesus

Acts 8:30-39

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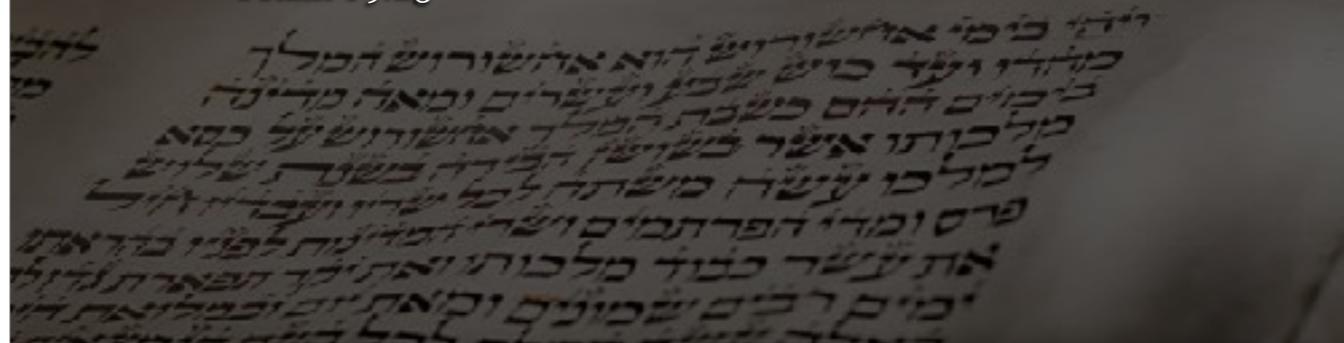


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Holy Spirit
↓
David
↓
Peter
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Judas

- How do we know it's Judas
 - Because the Holy Spirit revealed it to
 - David, who wrote in the Psalms
 - And Peter, inspired by the Spirit
 - Tells us it's about Judas
- But it's really not easy is it.
 - Note the importance of the Spirit in all of this.
- The only way we can be sure if a prophecy is fulfilled is if the Holy Spirit makes it clear in his revelation.

Prophecy Matters



- Why does prophecy matter?
- It mattered for the Ethiopian
 - He's reading it
 - even though he doesn't get it.
 - 34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"
 - 35: Philip used this passage to tell him the good news about Jesus
 - 36: Ethiopian is baptized
 - 39: went on his way rejoicing

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- It mattered to the Jewish people
 - Generally considered that the gospel of Matthew was written primarily to a Jewish audience
 - 9X specifically stated “this was to fulfill”
 - Some find as many as 40 total prophecies fulfilled
 - Matthew (and the Holy Spirit) purposefully pointed to these prophecies as a way to show that
 - God is at work
 - Jesus is the Christ

Prophecy Demonstrates



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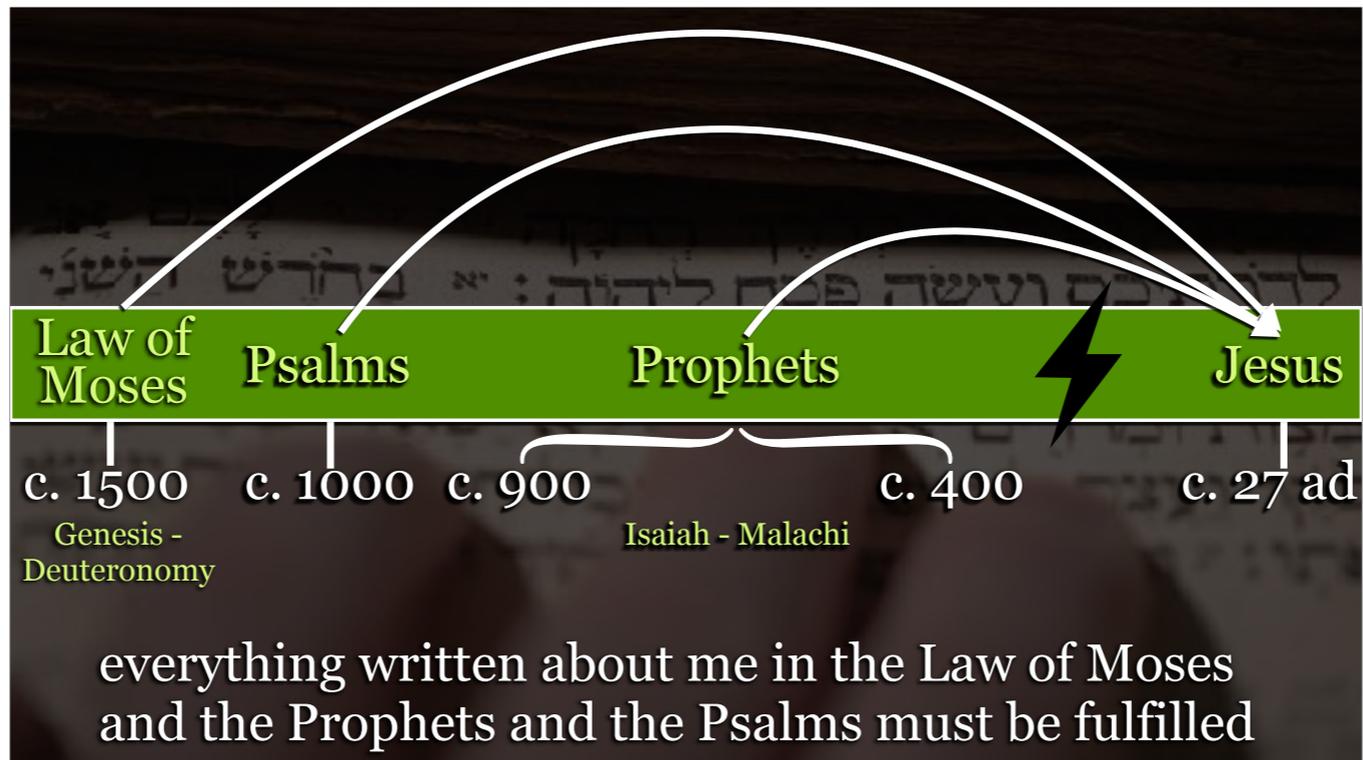


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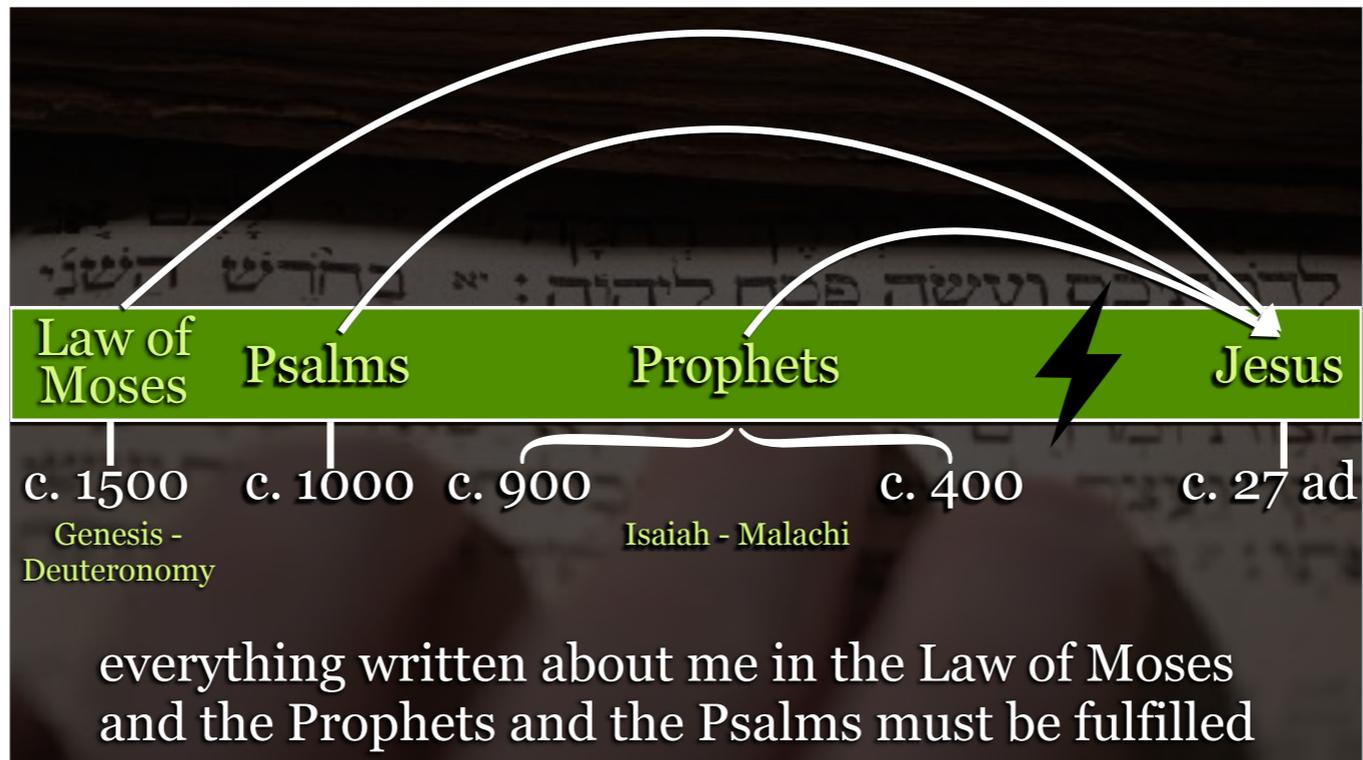


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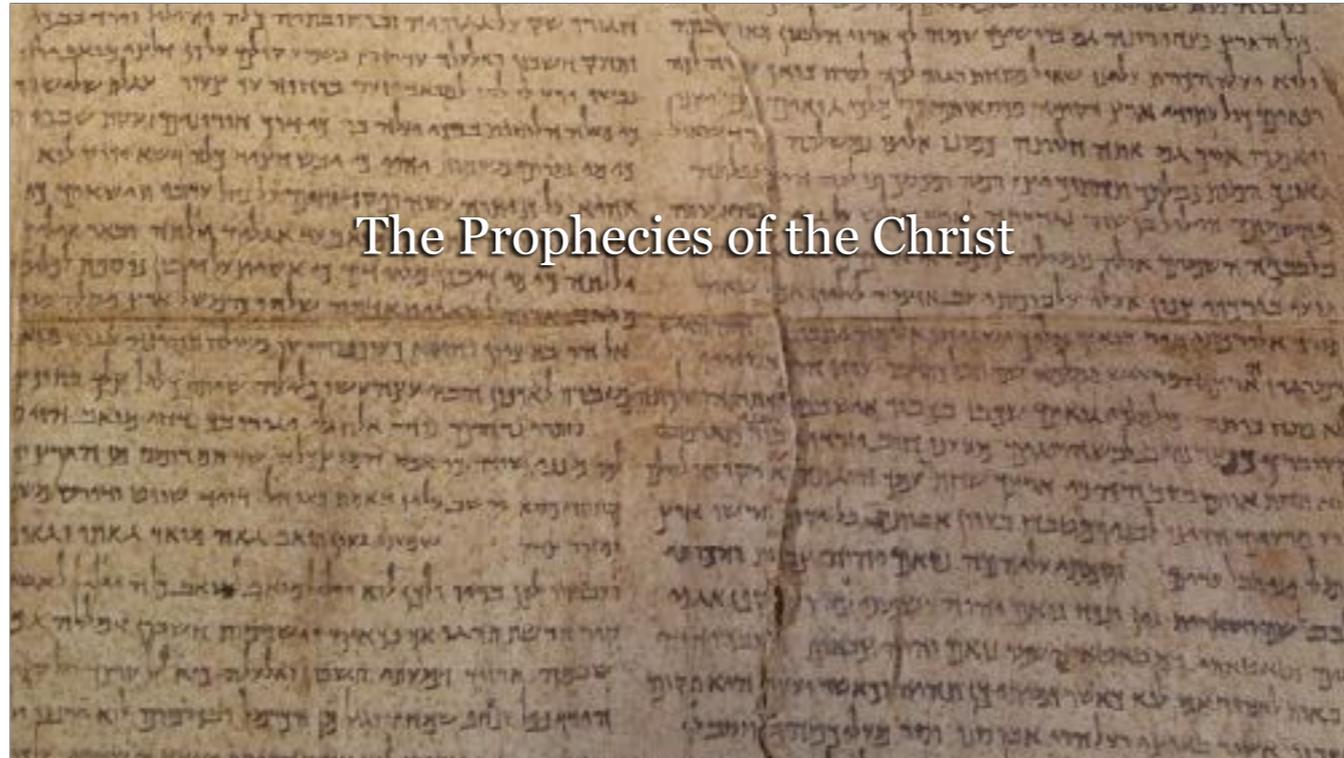
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- Prophecy matters because they point us to Jesus
- However, that doesn't mean it's easy
- 1 Peter 1:10-12 — Concerning this salvation,
 - the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours



- 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating
 - when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.
- 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you,
- in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,
- things into which angels long to look.



- The Messianic Prophecies
- There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament that are specifically about the Messiah and are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
- These were written at least 400 years before Jesus was born, and most are much older than that. (Isaiah's prophecies, for example, are written over 700 years before Jesus)
- Dead Sea Scrolls confirm that the prophecies existed prior to the coming of Jesus (200 BCE)

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- Romans 10:15-17 (ESV) 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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- 1, 3) Rejected:

- John 12:37-38 — Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

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- 4) Borne our griefs, carried our sorrows
 - Matthew 8:16-17 (ESV) 16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

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- 5) Wounds

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 - 1 Peter 2:22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

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12	Numbered with transgressors	Luke 22:37

- 12) Numbered with Transgressors

- Luke 22:37 For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment."

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- Not Explicitly Stated

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- 5) Pierced

- John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.
- John 19:37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” (Zech 12:10)

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- Matthew 27:26 Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

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- 7) Opened not His Mouth

- Matthew 26:63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

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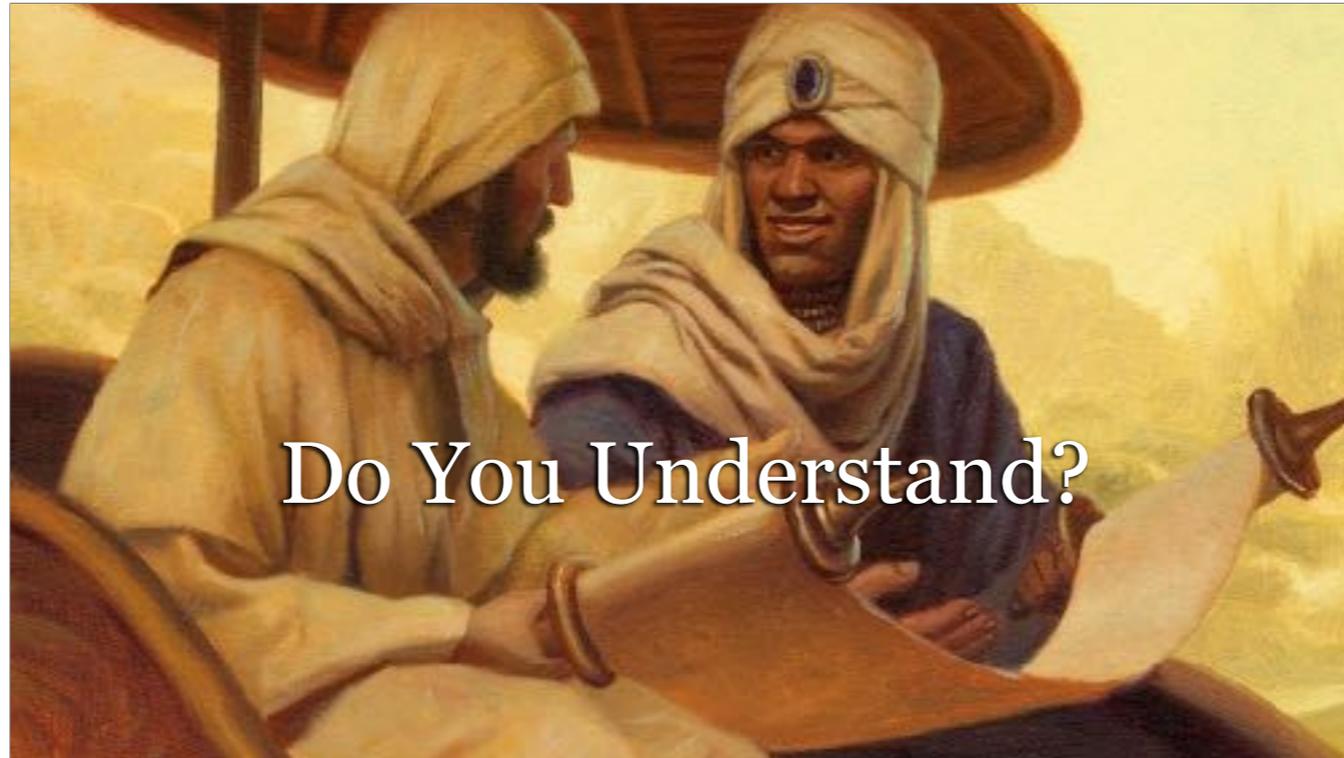
- 8) Cut off
 - Matthew 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

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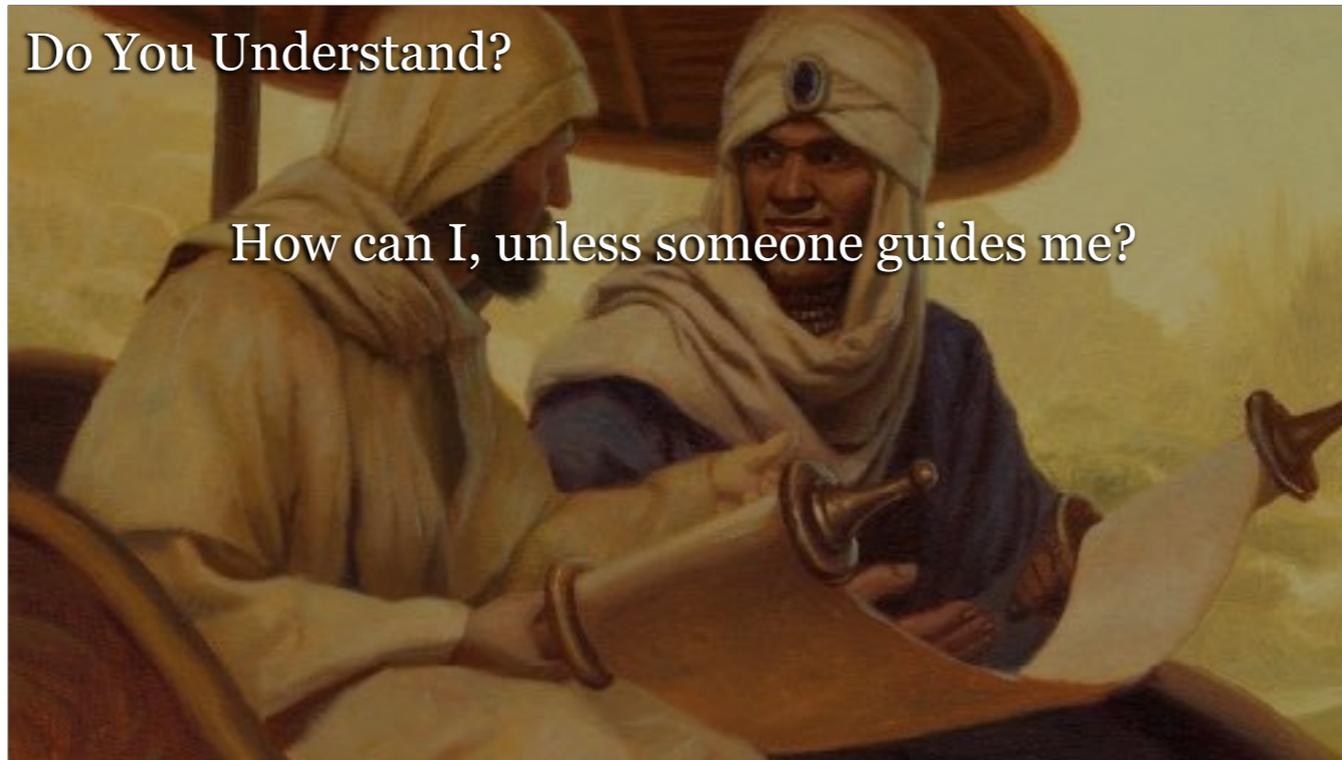
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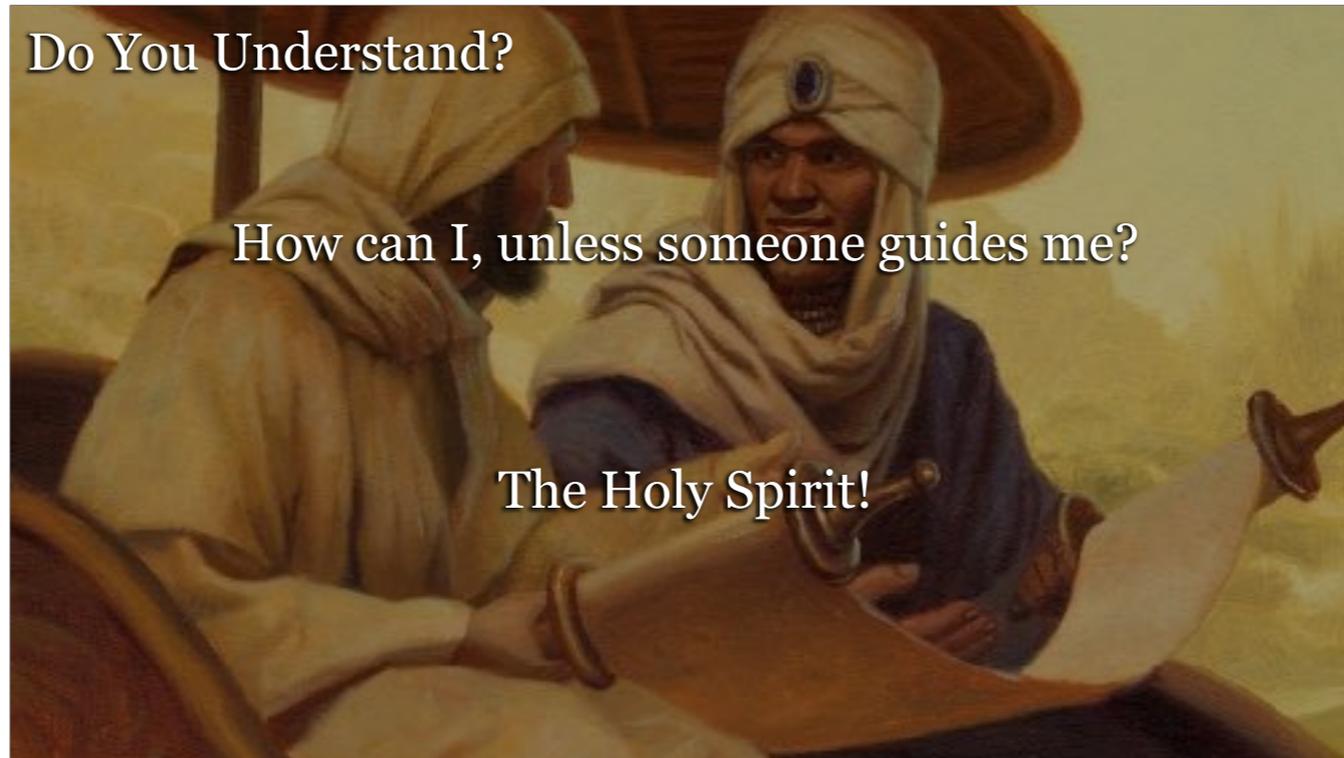
- Matthew 27:60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.



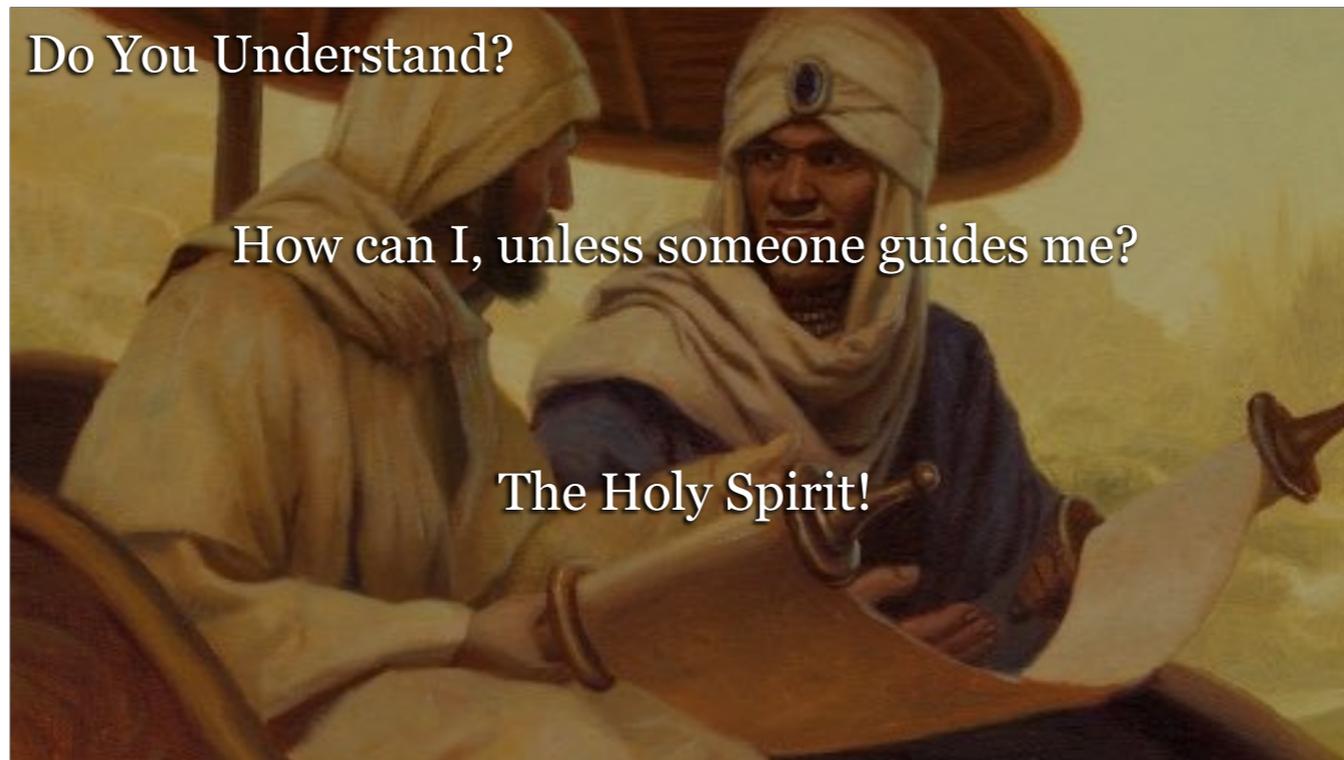
- Do you understand?



- 31: How can I, unless someone guides me?
 - Often ask the very same question:
 - Psalm 22;
 - 2 Samuel 7 (Jesus or Solomon)
 - Often rail against those who claim sole right to guide in understanding of the scriptures.
 - But maybe this passage is reminding us of something deeper?



- Philip has been brought to just this moment and place by the Holy Spirit.
 - Philip is not just a man saying what he thinks
 - full of the Holy Spirit: Acts 6:5
 - The whole context is demonstrating the role of the Holy Spirit in this salvation



- Who guides us?
 - It needs to be the Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus promised this to the Apostles
 - John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
 - In part, we are seeing the value of this in prophecy.
 - Given by the Spirit
 - Explained by the Spirit



- The Good News About Jesus



• Acts 8:35-36 (ESV)

- 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.
- 36 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?”



- It reveals my sinfulness
 - griefs and sorrows
 - transgressions (3)
 - iniquity (3)
 - Astray
 - guilt
 - sin

The Good News of Jesus

Isaiah 53

Jesus

It reveals what Jesus did for me.

See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?

- It reveals what Jesus did for me.
 - Borne and carried
 - Pierced, chastisement, wounds, oppressed, afflicted judgment, stricken, crushed, put to grief, anguish
 - death
 - bear sins, make intercession
 - an offering for guilt
- Amazing demonstration of love!
 - 1 John 4:10 (ESV) 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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It gives us hope.

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 - 5) peace, healed
 - 11) account righteous



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- Paul: Romans 6
 - United with Jesus in likeness of his death, burial and resurrection



- Will you hear the good news?
- Will you believe (have faith and trust)
- Be baptized
- Rejoice (returned to God)

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

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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Isaiah 53; Acts 8:30-39

Synopsis: Philip and the Eunuch remind us of the necessity of the guidance of the Holy Spirit in understanding prophecy, and the prophecy of Isaiah 53 reveals the salvation that is in Jesus, revealing our sins and what Jesus did for me, giving me hope, and leading me to believe in him, live to righteousness and returning to our Shepherd. And all that culminating in baptism and rejoicing.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”