

## Ethiopian Eunuch

**Narr:** God's angel spoke to Philip:

**Angel:** "At lunchtime today I want you to travel down the desert road that goes from Jerusalem down to Gaza."

**Narr:** So, he got up and went. He came upon an Ethiopian coming down the road in his chariot. He was a high ranking official in charge of the finances for the queen of Ethiopia. He had been on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was returning to Ethiopia. In his hands he had a scroll which he was reading. The Holy Spirit told Philip to stay close to the chariot. Coming alongside the chariot Philip heard him reading from the prophet Isaiah and asked

**Phil:** "I hear that you are reading a section from Isaiah. Do you understand what you're reading?"

**Eunuch:** "How can I without some help?"

**Phil:** "Would you like me to explain it to you?"

**Narr:** So Philip got into the chariot.  
The passage he was reading was this:

'He was beaten, he was tortured,  
But he didn't say a word.  
Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered  
And like a sheep being sheared,  
He took it all in silence.  
Justice miscarried, and he was led off –  
And did anyone really know what happened?  
He died without a thought for his own welfare,  
Beaten bloody for the sins of my people.'

**Eunuch:** "Tell me, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"

- Narr:** Then Philip spoke. Starting with that passage, Philip told the official the Good News about Jesus, how he had died for our sins but that God had raised him to life. As they continued down the road, they came to a stream of water.
- Eunuch:** “Here’s water. Is there any reason why I can’t be baptised? Stop the chariot so we might both go down into the water”
- Narr:** Philip baptised him on the spot. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God suddenly took Philip off. The official joyfully continued on his way and didn’t see Philip again.