

# Sent Out

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**The Conversion of an Ethiopian Eunuch**



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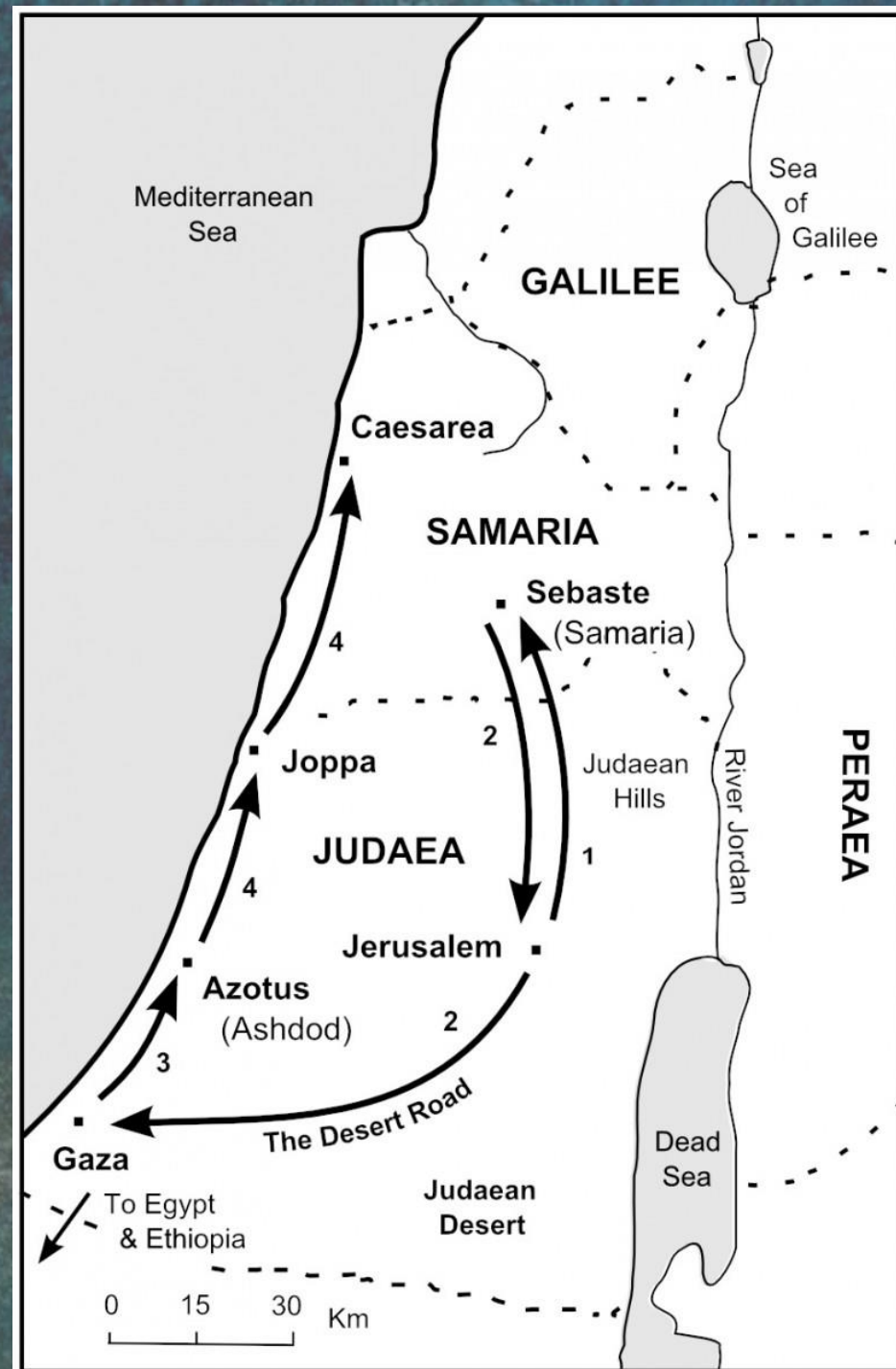
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# *Why Johnny Can't Preach* by T. David Gordon

*We sometimes overlook the extraordinary when it occurs in the New Testament because we project our own typographic era back into the biblical era. We read of the Ethiopian in Acts 8, ordinarily without any wonder over the remarkable reality that the Ethiopian had a text of Isaiah with him. We just think of him as a commuter, reading his Bible on the way to work. In fact, in the ancient world handwritten manuscripts were extremely rare, and extremely expensive, and this Ethiopian would not even have had access to a scroll of Isaiah were it not for the fact that, professionally, he was the keeper of the treasure of Queen Candace (Acts 8:27). He was like a museum curator today – an individual who had access to virtually priceless artifacts (p. 62)*



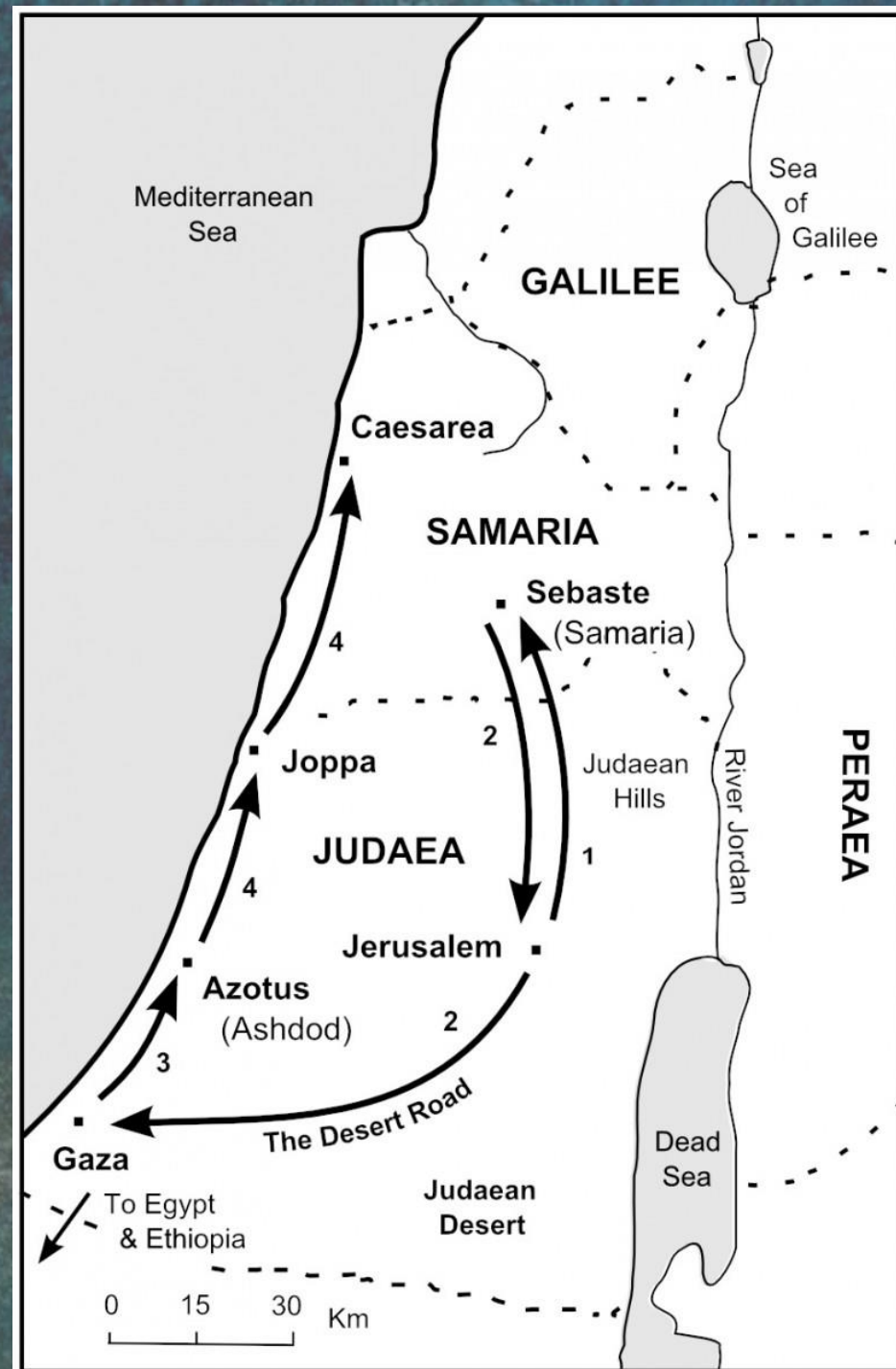
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# Deuteronomy 23:1

*“No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the LORD.”*



*This is what the LORD says:*

*“Maintain justice  
and do what is right,  
for my salvation is close at hand  
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.*

*<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one who does this—  
the person who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,  
and keeps their hands from doing any evil.”*

*<sup>3</sup> Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say,  
“The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.”  
And let no eunuch complain,  
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*<sup>4</sup> For this is what the LORD says:*

*“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
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and hold fast to my covenant—*

*<sup>5</sup> to them I will give within my temple and its walls  
a memorial and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that will endure forever.*

*<sup>6</sup> And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD  
to minister to him,  
to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it  
and who hold fast to my covenant—*



*<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and give them joy in my house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house will be called  
a house of prayer for all nations.”*

*<sup>8</sup> The Sovereign LORD declares—  
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:  
“I will gather still others to them  
besides those already gathered.”*



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with him through the person  
and work of Jesus Christ



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gospel are those who are led by  
the Holy Spirit and are teachers  
of God's Word



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