

-Responsive Reading-

Acts 8:27-35

Pulpit:

And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

Congregation:

Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read
Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto
Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this
chariot.

Pulpit:

And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him
read the prophet Esaias, and said,
Understandest thou what thou readest?

Congregation:

And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Pulpit:

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Congregation:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation?
for his life is taken from the earth.

Pulpit:

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

All:

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at
the same scripture, and preached unto him
Jesus.

Following Jesus...

Lesson Text : John 18:15-27

Key Verse

John 18:15

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

Follow: *give allegiance to /
devoted / committed to*

Jh. 10:4-5,25 - 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

Disciples- *learners / followers of Jesus*

Defense - an answer of the
opposition/complaint

Denial - *untruthfully disowning in word
/ deed*



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- **John 18:15-18** -

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. **17** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. **18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Eph. 2:2 - 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ja. 4:4 -4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Jh. 2:15-16 - 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; 16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

Cor. 6:17 - 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Defense – an answer of the opposition/complaint

- John 18:19-24 -

19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. **20** Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. **21** Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. **22** And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? **23** Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? **24** Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

Dt. 19:15 - 15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

1 Pet. 3:15 - 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Denial - *untruthfully disowning in word / deed*

- **John 18:25-27** -

25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? 27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

Mt. 10:33 - 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Lk. 9:23 - 23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Ro. 14:19 - 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

How To Become A Child Of God

ADMIT: *Admit to God that you are a sinner, repent, and turn away from your sins. (Rom. 3:23)*

BELIEVE: *That Jesus loved you so much that he died, was buried, and rose on the third day as payment for my sins. (Jh. 3:16, Rom. 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4)*

CONFESS: *Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.
(Rom. 10:9-10;13)*

Give Your Life To Christ By Praying This Prayer.....

Dear God, I know I am a sinner and have rebelled against you in many ways. I believe Jesus died for my sins and only through faith in His death and resurrection can i be forgiven. I now turn from my sins and ask Jesus to come into my life as my Lord and Savior. From this day forward I will choose to follow Him.