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## Joy In The City

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(\*Acts 2:38. Gift: **JOY!** Heb. 12:2. Abiding gift!)  
JOY IN THE CITY

INT: Lord's Great Commission found in 4 places in the N. T.: Matt. 28. Mk. 16. Lk. 24. \*Acts 1:1-9.

Goal of N. T.: All nations! Every creature.  
 Uttermost parts of the earth.

LESSON: God's great out-reach for lost souls! → *Samaria*

I. "SAMARIA!" "And there was great joy in that city."

- (A) BACKGROUND: Jesus not a stranger to Samaria. *Groundwork*
- neg.* 1. Luke 9:51-56. Jesus tolerant of their intolerance. Impressed some surely.
- neg.* 2. Luke 17:11-19. Cleansed 10 lepers. **1** thanked.
- Pos.* 3. John 4:4-42. Jesus won the woman at the well and many Samaritans. A. D. 30. *v. 39-42*

(B) SAMARIA ACTED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE JEWS AND GENTILES IN THE ESTAB. OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

- 1st door opening.* 1. A. D. 33. Acts 2. Pentecost. *(Jews)* Men from 17 nations taught, baptized and sent home to share the Good-News of Salvation! 2:41 & 39
- 3rd opening.* 2. A. D. 41. Acts 10. Peter carried the gospel to the Gentiles first at Caesarea. *1st dispersion!*
- 2nd door opening.* 3. A. D. 34. Acts 8. Philip carried the divine story to the Half-breed-Samaritans. **BRIDGE.**

(C) PERSECUTION DROVE THE GOSPEL TO SAMARIA. *2nd dispersion!*

1. \*Acts 8:1-5. Philip preached Christ!!
- Question: What is taught when one teaches Christ to someone else?

Answer: On road to Gaza. Philip preached Christ to the Eunuch: (Isa. 53:7-8.) V. 32-39. Conversion time is rejoicing time

2. Response in Samaria same as Eunuch on road. V. 6-8. Miracles & salvation brought joy!!
3. SIMON, THE SOURCERER gave way to gospel. v. 9-13. Impressed by Message & Proofs. 13.

(D) THE DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIAN REDEDICATION IS EXPLAINED MOST CLEARLY HERE THAN ELSEWHERE.

1. V. 14-17. Peter & John brought convincing power to the Samaritan converts.
2. V. 18-19. Too much for Simon. Greedy nature came alive and he SINNED GREVIOUSLY.
3. Peter vehemently rebuked the sin of simony & covetousness. v. v. 20-23.

4. Simon made amends quickly for peace of mind. V. 24.
5. All of Samaria received the message of salvation after this. V. 25. **JOY.**

INV. MESSAGE TO YOU TONIGHT: Same gospel that saved them in A. D. 34 <sup>34</sup> save sinners in this audience tonight!! B-R-C-B.

Same REPENTANCE & PRAYER needed tonight if we have sinned publically like Simon did. 8:22.

It is now \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

If Jesus came back at \_\_\_\_\_ would you be ready to meet Him???

IF NOT.....

1. Wouldn't you be glad you <sup>had</sup> OBEYED the gospel at \_\_\_\_\_ ?

2. Wouldn't you be glad you <sup>had</sup> rededicated your life at \_\_\_\_\_ ?

*Results: Have great joy in your heart!*

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