

The Ethiopian said, “Who is this prophet talking about here?” Philip explained that the passage was about Jesus and went on to tell him more of the Good News of Jesus.

A little further on they saw some water and the Ethiopian asked, “Is there anything to stop me being baptised?”

He stopped the chariot. Philip went down with him into the water and baptised him, there and then.

The Ethiopian continued his journey rejoicing. Philip went on telling the Good News everywhere he went.

## PAUL, LUKE AND TIMOTHY MEET LYDIA (based on Acts 16:11-15)

**W**e took a ship from Troas and sailed to Samothrace. The next day we went on to Neapolis and from there sailed inland to Philippi. It is a **Roman colony** and the most important city in Macedonia. We spent a few days here. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gates to a place by the river where the Jews gathered to pray. We sat down and talked to the women who had come there. One of them was called Lydia. She was from Thyatira and was in the business of dying and selling **purple cloth**. She loved and worshipped God and listened carefully to us. God opened her mind and heart to believe what Paul said. After she and all the people who lived in her house had been baptised, she invited us to stay with them.



*The friends of Jesus preached the good news in the market place or wherever people gathered.*

### ***a Roman colony***

*Paul was a Roman citizen and could travel freely all over the Roman Empire, which, at that time, included Greece and Egypt.*

### ***purple cloth***

*Purple cloth was fashionable so Lydia was probably a successful trader and may have been well known in the city.*