

## **Sermon Handout**

Even to Samaritans  
Acts 8:5-13

### **I. Samaria – background of the problem**

- a. Assyrian control and influence
  - i. Jeroboam in post-Davidic period
  - ii. Northern Kingdom captivity
  - iii. Assyrian resettlement
    - 1. Hezekiah & Josiah purged Assyrian & Canaanite elements
    - 2. Post-exile conflicts (dedication on March 12, 515 BC)
- b. Jesus and the Samaritans
  - i. The Samaritan woman Jn 4:3-30
  - ii. The Samaritan example of neighborliness Lk 10:25-37

### **II. The Gospel in Samaria**

- a. Jesus' prediction Acts 1:8 (*cf.* Mt 28:18-20)
- b. Philip's preaching and baptizing Acts 8:5-8, 12
  - Attended by miracles resembling those of Jesus & the Apostles
- c. The Apostolic confirmation Acts 8:14-17, 25
  - i. A Samaritan "Pentecost" vv. 17-18
  - ii. The Apostles preach in various Samaritan towns v. 25

### **III. The Gospel and our prejudices**

Rom 1:15-17; Gal 3:26-29

- a. Racial and ethnic
- b. National prejudices
- c. Ecclesiastical prejudices