



THE GOSPEL OF MARK: ***THE GOSPEL IN ACTION***

“JESUS’ PRIORITY—PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL”

MARK 1:34-39

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Acts 8:1 (ESV)

1 And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 8:4–5 (ESV)


4 Now those who were scattered went about **preaching** (*euangelizo*) the word.

5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and **proclaimed** (*kerysso*) to them the Christ.

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