



Title: Watcha Readin'

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Series: In the Beginning

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Synopsis: Can you remember where you were when the news of 9/11 struck? As you can remember it literally took minutes for the news to spread throughout the world. It seemed every television or radio on the planet was tuned into the devastation of that terrible day. The news hit like a tsunami and immediately spread throughout every continent in the world.

Now imagine it all happened in the spring of AD 30. There are no televisions, no radios, and no Internet. There's just people telling other people about the news of what happened. Within twenty years or so people started writing that news down. Not just once or twice, but tens of thousands of times so that tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands and even millions of people could hear the news.

That's exactly what happened with the news of Jesus Christ. It spread like a fire out of control. It was the modern equivalent of a media blitz. The news was unstoppable. People were being killed and imprisoned for that news, but still, the news of Jesus Christ spread throughout the known world within a few generations. What began as a secret society in the heart of Rome, by the beginning of the Fourth Century had become Rome's national religion.

And it's all because of the Bible that sits on our shelves, coffee tables, and night stands. The same book that we too often take for granted and too seldom read, people have died for, been imprisoned for, and lost everything for. It's not just a handbook or a manual for successful living. It's not just an account of ancient history or a collection of ancient poetry. It's God's word to humanity that is living and powerful and able to cut to the deepest recesses of man's heart like nothing else can. It has changed humanity from the first time it was spoken or sung and is still changing humanity today. So put down Twilight and Harry Potter and pick up the Bible. After all, it's the book that can change you.