



Black History and Christianity The Impact of Africa

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“Christianity is
NOT
the ‘white man’s
religion’



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Christianity was
birthed in Africa as a
universal religion



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Christianity was originally one of the sects of Judaism along with the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes.



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Christianity was later rejected as a Jewish sect because, among other reason, it also embraced Gentiles.

- Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

¹⁵ And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.



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Jesus was a Jew being
reared in the country of
Egypt in the northern
part of the continent of
Africa



- Mark 15:21-41

²¹ And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

Cyrene





- Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

²⁷ And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

²⁸ Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

³⁰ And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeest?

- 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
- 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:
- 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.
- 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
- 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

- 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
- 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
- 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.
- 40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea

Saint Mark



- Acts 2:9-10

⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,



- Acts 13:1

13 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Northern Africa and the Middle East



Barnabas and John Mark



Colossians 4:10

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Barnabas and John Mark



- Acts 13:13
- ¹³ Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

- Acts 15:36-40

³⁶ And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the LORD, and see how they do.

³⁷ And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

³⁸ But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

- ³⁹ And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;
- ⁴⁰ And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.



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“Coptic” means “Egyptian,”
and Christians living in Egypt
identify themselves as
Coptic Christians.

Mediterranean Sea



Lebanon

Syria

Israel

Jerusalem

Amman

Port Said

Suez Canal

Jordan

Sinai

Saudi Arabia

Gulf of Aqaba

Red Sea

Nile Delta

Alexandria

Marsa Matruh

Egypt

Cairo

Giza

Beni Suef

Nile River

Siwa

WESTERN DESERT

Minya

Asyut

Sohag

Dakhla Oasis

Mut

Valley of the Kings

Qena

Luxor

Marsa Alam

Aswan Dam

Aswan

Lake Nasser



Libya

150 mi
150 km

TROPIC OF CANCER

Sudan

EGYPT



DESERT/LOW/HILLS/MTNS

Paul and Mark

Paul

Establishing and leading
churches through out
Asia Minor and Europe
48 to 66 AD

Mark

Establishing and leading
the Church in Egypt
42 to 68 AD

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