



# **THE SCATTERING OF THE CHURCH**

**Acts 8:1-4**

# BACKGROUND

- Appointment of 7 ‘deacons’ to oversee social care.
- These included Stephen and Philip
- Stephen is dragged before the Jewish ‘court’, preaches and is stoned to death – the first Christian martyr



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- Massive persecution breaks out
- Saul becomes the instigator of much of this



# THEY HAD GATHERED TO GAIN POWER

- Behold, I am going to send you what my Father promised; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)



# 3 PRINCIPLES ABOUT BEING SCATTERED

- When Scattered they did not Agonize
- When Scattered they did not Criticize
- When Scattered they Evangelize.



# RESULT IS HUGE GROWTH

