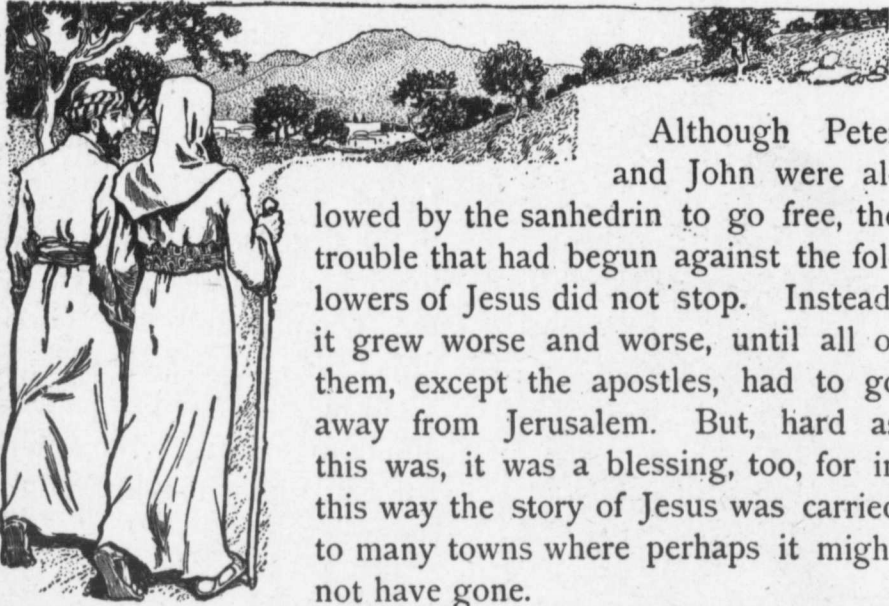


PETER AND JOHN IN SAMARIA

(May be used with missionary applications)

Acts 8:4-39



Although Peter and John were allowed by the sanhedrin to go free, the trouble that had begun against the followers of Jesus did not stop. Instead, it grew worse and worse, until all of them, except the apostles, had to go away from Jerusalem. But, hard as this was, it was a blessing, too, for in this way the story of Jesus was carried to many towns where perhaps it might not have gone.

Philip, a loyal, true helper, went to a city of Samaria, where he did wonderful things in Jesus' name, and taught so many people to believe, that Peter and John heard about it and came to help him. The three held a great meeting, and many became Christians. Then Peter and John went back to Jerusalem; Philip went off alone in the opposite direction, for an angel had come and had told him to go toward the south along the road which ran from Jerusalem to Gaza.

By and by Philip saw a chariot coming. In it sat a man who was reading aloud, and as he came near, Philip could hear that it was a part of the Old Testament, the words that the Prophet Isaiah had hundreds of years ago spoken about