

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Acts 8: 14-17

14. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem and who had not returned to their homes or gone on a holiday to the seaside heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they were dumbfounded and did question the truth of the report, asking if it were fake good news or not. But finally, having been convinced of its veracity through the earnest declarations of the messengers and the boxes of Samaritan sweetmeats – especially the crunchy nut ones - brought to them as gifts, they drew lots as to whom they should send, and the lots fell to Peter and John, so they despatched them with prayer, a piece of chalk, a cleft stick, and a packed lunch.
15. And they, when they were come down much wearied after their travels, were welcomed with a hearty stew and fine wine, and once recovered they suggested holding a prayer meeting to which their hosts agreed. But no choruses. And Peter and John did pray for them with much entreating and the repeated use of the phrase, We just want to ask. And their request was that the believers might receive the Holy Ghost:
16. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them, not even the doorkeeper nor the serving wench, nor even upon she who emptied the pots who rather fell herself upon others: for they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. So one sprinkle only.)
17. Then Peter and John laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And afterward did they cleanse their hands for the heads of the Samaritans were unwashed and their locks were greasy through the use of scented oils.