



DAVID ANOINTED KING

1 Samuel 16:1–13

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STUDY FOR SERMON FROM 7.7.24

SUMMARY

In the eighth chapter of 1 Samuel, the people of Israel lament the fact that they don't have a king like the surrounding nations do, so they tell the prophet, Samuel, to appoint a king who will judge them. Samuel grieved over what the people demanded. Nevertheless, God told Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them" (1 Samuel 8:7). Samuel granted their request, but it also came with a solemn warning from the Lord. He foretold of the king who would rule over them—his desire to build a kingdom after man, growing an army for himself and making their sons and daughters as servants (1 Samuel 8:10–18). These warnings manifested in Israel's first king, Saul—but the people got what the people wanted, much to their detriment. Before long, the word of the Lord came to Samuel saying, "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me" (1 Samuel 15:10). Once again, Israel found themselves in need of a savior, not unlike the numerous times before in their history of turning their backs on God, pursuing their own interests. So the Lord instructed Samuel to find a new king from the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite, despite the danger of doing so under the rule of an existing king (1 Samuel 16:1). Samuel considered all of Jesse's sons, but none of them was the Lord's choice. However, Jesse had one more son—the "ruddy" one whom no one thought of as king—the youngest and a mere keeper of sheep named David. He was the Lord's unlikely choice for king, foreshadowing the Savior Israel needed most. Jesus Christ—an unlikely King of meager sight and stature—the one no one would have picked to be king; nevertheless, he is the Savior of God's people.

GROUP QUESTIONS

Share something that surprises, encourages, or troubles you from the sermon or your direct reading of 1 Samuel 16:1–13.

Is there anything reminiscent of Israel's behavior as compared to how we live our lives? Do we insist upon a king when, in fact, we have a King in Jesus? Can you detail any examples?

How many parallels can you detail between David and Jesus from this passage? How is David a forerunner to Jesus?

If there's one thing Jesus would want you to walk away believing and receiving as a result of this portion of Scripture, what is that thing?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As you pray, be sure to include today's themes in what you bring before God.