

THE GOSPEL STORY
The Making of a King
1 Samuel 16-17
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Some important comparisons between David and Jesus:

- Both David and Jesus were born in Bethlehem.
- Bethlehem means “house of bread” – Jesus is the Bread of Life.
- Bethlehem is referred to as “The City of David” – Jesus is referred to as “The Son of David.”
- Both David and Jesus are from the tribe of Judah.
- Both David and Jesus grew up in obscurity. No one expected them to be kings.

In our story today, David will be anointed king. This anointing is the first – there will be two more anointings.

- The term “anoint” means to “smear with oil.”
- The term “messiah” or “mashia” literally means “the smeared one.”
- Those who were anointed in the Old Testament were prophets, priests, and kings.

Three things to know from 1 Samuel chapters 16 & 17:

- Saul is rejected.
- Samuel is dejected.
- David is selected.

1 Samuel 16

1 Samuel 16:1-5

**Samuel the prophet is dejected; he is mourning God’s rejection of King Saul.
Samuel is sent to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem to find the next king.**

1 Samuel 16:6-11

Samuel’s standard for a king was appearance, Jesse’s standard was age, and God’s standard is the heart.

Jesse had 8 sons, but he invited 7 to the party.

1 Samuel 16:12-18

**David, the little brother, had red hair, beautiful eyes and was good looking.
The Spirit comes on David but leaves Saul.**

David loved Saul quietly.

1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17:1-10

Picture this with me: the valley of Elah is a natural battlefield.

- S-shaped and about a mile wide
- The Philistines stood on the western slope, the Israelites on the eastern slope.

1 Samuel 17:11-20

1 Samuel 17:21-27

Goliath worked just like Satan:

- He will come after you morning, noon and night.
- He gets more and more aggressive as time goes by.
- When Jesus was tempted by Satan, Jesus was physically weak.
- Each time Jesus was tempted and prevailed, the devil kept looking for opportunity.

1 Samuel 17:28-33

David's enemy that day wasn't just the giant, Goliath.

- His father disregarded him.
- His brother belittled him.
- His king had no confidence in him.
- Perfect conditions for a victory!

1 Samuel 17:34-51