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SHADOWS

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament

Introduction

Picture a little girl at a supermarket separated momentarily from mom. Panic and fear sets in as she looks for her in every direction. And just as she's about to burst into tears running to the end of the aisle, a shadow looms on the floor. The shadow looks like mom. Consider in that moment how her heart once filled with despair is now flooded with hope. Yet as great as the shadow is, imagine her joy once mom turns the corner and she sees that it's really her!¹ The shadow is great. The substance is better.

That's kind of how the Old Testament works too.

Every story on every page is casting a shadow that's getting you ready for Jesus. As you read the stories of the Old Testament heroes, it's preparing you for the arrival of the true and better Hero. Adam. Moses. David. Esther. They're all shadows of the Christ. His Story is foreshadowed in theirs. And when you come to the end of the Old Testament, your heart is flooded with hope that just around the corner is the One to whom the shadows were pointing.

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Our Hopes for this Series

- That we would get to know our Bibles better, particularly the Old Testament. Read along with us. Teach your children. May our homes and lives be filled with Scripture in this season.
- That we would see that the Bible's primary concern is not to make you a better person but to introduce you to the best Person – Jesus Christ. The ultimate goal is not to fight giants like David or be strong like Samson or wise like Solomon or prayerful like Daniel. The ultimate goal is to be drawn to God through the Spirit as He shows you the person and work of Jesus Christ.

¹ Illustration by John Piper

DATE	SERMON	BIG IDEA	READ THIS	FOR FAMILY WORSHIP
Sept 1	Shadows: Introduction	“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” Lk 24:27	Luke 24:13-35	
Sept 8	The Better Adam	Jesus, the second Adam who succeeds where the first failed bringing life to all who are in Him.	Genesis 2-3	LSS, 17 JSB, 28
Sept 15	The Better Abel	Jesus, the innocent slaughtered One whose blood speaks a better word for His murderers than the blood of Abel.	Genesis 4	LSS, 22
Sept 22	The Better Noah	Jesus, the preacher who rescues people from God’s judgment so that all who are in Him are saved and brought into a new creation.	Genesis 6:5-9:19	LSS, 27 JSB, 38
Sept 29	The Better Isaac	Jesus, God’s only beloved Son who was not spared, but sacrificed as a substitute for us.	Genesis 22	LSS, 72 JSB, 62
Oct 6	The Better Joseph	Jesus, the One whose suffering was predestined to accomplish good and who uses power to save those who had betrayed and sold Him.	Genesis 39-46	LSS, 132 JSB, 76
Oct 13	The Better Moses	Jesus, the Mediator of a new and better covenant who liberated His people from slavery.	Exodus	LSS, 187 JSB, 100
Oct 20	The Better Joshua	Jesus, the obedient Warrior who conquered God’s enemies and brought His people rest.	Joshua	LSS, 222 JSB, 108
Oct 27	The Better Samson	Jesus, the awaited Messiah, betrayed by one who feigned love, and yet accomplished a great salvation through His outstretched arms in death.	Judges 13-16	LSS, 247
Nov 3	The Better Boaz	Jesus, the Kinsman Redeemer who bought us with a price, and made us His own beloved bride.	Ruth	LSS, 252
Nov 10	The Better David	Jesus, the King who defeated an undefeatable foe so that a powerless people might share in His victory.	1 Samuel 17	LSS, 287 JSB, 127
Nov 17	The Better Solomon	Jesus, the King whose wisdom, glory, riches and fame exceed Solomon’s and whose reign is without sin and without end.	1 Kings	LSS, 302
Nov 24	The Better Hosea	Jesus, the faithful Husband who marries and loves an unfaithful Bride even unto death.	Hosea	
Dec 1	The Better Jonah	Jesus, the willing missionary who is buried in the depths for three days before springing back to life with a message of salvation for the nations.	Jonah	LSS, 347 JSB, 160
Dec 8	The Better Daniel	Jesus, the prayerful Man arrested in prayer by a cowardly ruler and given to lions only to be found alive when the stone was rolled back.	Daniel 6	LSS, 377 JSB, 152
Dec 15	The Better Esther	Jesus, the Royal One who made the decision to save His people even if that meant it would cost Him His life.	Esther	
Dec 22	The One	Jesus, the One to whom all the shadows pointed, came.	Matthew 1	JSB, 176

LSS = *Long Story Short*, Marty Machowski

JSB = *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, Sally Lloyd-Jones