


## Judges Session 10: Redemption

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## Q and A

- What reversal does Ruth show?
  - The foreign woman takes on the God of the Israelite man
- Compare Samson with Samuel
  - Similar birth narratives, but Samuel gets it right

## Previously...

- Religious decline
  - Dan forms its own religion and does what is right in their own eyes
- Political decline
  - The levite concubine atrocity results in hundreds of young women being abducted to repopulate the tribe of Benjamin because the people are doing what is right in their own eyes

## Ruth

- “In the days when the judges ruled...” (Ruth 1:1)
- Ruth and Naomi
  - Return from Moab
  - Essentially foreigners
- Boaz
  - Relative of Naomi

- Rich man
- Worshipper of Yahweh

## Ruth continued

- Boaz: the godly man
  - Greetings in the name of Yahweh
  - Notices Ruth and blesses her
  - Makes a place for her at the table
  - Blesses her even more
  - Yahweh is honored in light of her seductive act
  - Follows Yahweh's order in marriage
- Ruth and Naomi redeemed
  - The line of David is established

## Samuel

- Hannah
  - Barren women who prays
  - Child set apart as a nazirite
  - The child ministers and grows up in the presence of Yahweh
  - Yahweh is honored
- Samuel
  - Keeps his vows
  - Grows in favor: human and divine
  - Hears God's words and obeys

## Samuel continued

- Samuel fulfills Deuteronomy 17:14-20
  - Keeps and teaches the law
- Advocates for Israel
  - Turn away from idols and towards Yahweh
- Warns about future kingship
  - Psalm 103:7 and 1st Samuel 12:16-18
- Samuel remains faithful
  - 1st Samuel 12:1-5

## Jesus the messiah

- Messiah (Jewish thought)
  - Like a Judge
    - Military ruler anointed by Yahweh to relieve Israel of foreign oppression
  - Does not take the place of Yahweh, but does his will (agent)
- What we learned from Judges
  - Yahweh truly delivers
  - Yahweh is the true king
  - Yahweh sovereignly works through human beings

## Judges sets up the Jesus paradigm

- The mind of Yahweh
  - Judges lets us know the mind of God in using human agents for acts of salvation
  - Judges prefigures the definitive act of salvation with small acts of salvation
  - Judges shows us the failure of human beings

- The mind of Yahweh's people
  - They now expect a judge-like character for deliverance
  - They understand their own faultiness because of sin
  - They understand the necessity of God's intervention

## Jesus the deliverer (judge)

- NOW
  - Yahweh sends his Son in the flesh
    - Born like us: truly human and truly God
  - Yahweh sends his deliverer to save us
    - Not from mortal things: foreign oppression
    - But from eternal damnation: sins
  - What happens when the true king of Israel arrives to completely deliver his people from the real enemy?
    - Salvation from sin

## The Gospel

- This whole time, Yahweh has been setting up Jesus' arrival
- The gospel is the whole of scripture
  - Major acts in the OT point toward Jesus and his work
    - Red Sea, Abraham and Isaac, etc.
  - NT gospels talk about Jesus' life
  - NT letters show empowerment by HS to live as Jesus did
- We get the "something greater" Yahweh has been pointing to
  - The true king of Israel saves his people from the real enemy: sin
  - Judges is "good news" because it shows us our need for salvation