Shadows of Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

- We want to learn to put Jesus first in everything.
- Wherever you're reading, hold off the concepts about yourself or the person three rows behind you, or the world around you, and start with, what can I learn about my Savior?
- What if everything you are and thought about and did was processed first through the name of Jesus?

1 Your Savior Is the Better Joseph

Genesis 40:14–15

- A better way to learn through Joseph is to learn how your Savior is the better Joseph.
- How everything that he lost, Jesus lost more. The way he's maligned, Jesus was maligned more. The way he was exalted, Jesus was exalted more.
- You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result to preserve many people alive.
- You know who we are in chapter 50? We are his brothers.
- He gets the place of glory, and we get the place of gratitude.
- When you see the body of Jesus that suffered and died, and the restoration of his blood, and he asks you to remember him, will you do it?

2 Jesus, Like Job, Becomes Our Intercessor

Job 42:7–9; Hebrews 2:17–18; Hebrews 7:23–25

- After he was restored from trials, he becomes the intercessor, the go-between those who had spoken against him and the God from whom they needed mercy.
- He didn't even accept them on their merit after they did what was right. He accepted Job. And because he accepted Job, he forgave them.
- Our Savior has suffered on this earth more than anyone ever will. He knows what it's like to be here and to face whatever you're facing.
- Since he himself was tempted in that which he suffered, he is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.
- Therefore he is also able to save forever those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession.

3 Jesus Is the Fulfillment of Esther and Mordecai

Esther 2:21

- And thus I will go into the king, which is not according to the law, and if I perish, I perish.

- Sometimes one character is a great shadow of Jesus. And sometimes it takes two. Jesus is the fulfillment of both of these together.
- Usually the shadow gets to live, and the substance doesn't.
- Job lived, Jesus died. Joseph lived, Jesus died. Mordecai and Esther lived, Jesus died. He put his life on the line for real.
- The Lord's Supper is the greater feast of Purim. Covers more deeply, more strongly, more lastingly, and more people.

4 Would You Have Followed Nehemiah?

Ephesians 4:1; 1 Timothy 3:1; Romans 12

- I'm gonna ask you if you lived in his day, would you have followed him? You don't have to have the passion. You have to trust in his passion.
- You don't have to be the leader. You have to follow the leader.
- I'm asking you, would you follow him through all things? Because Nehemiah is not me, and I am not him, but Jesus is.
- He faced not only the threat of death, of course, but he had to face death itself, so that he could finish the work.
- You don't need a Nehemiah moment. He's already had it. You don't have to be Nehemiah. You have to decide that Jesus is great enough that you're willing to adopt his passion as yours.
- It's not do I aspire by my own passion, it's so I aspire to him.

THE CHALLENGE

Start with Jesus. Four questions. Your answer must start with Jesus. Why are you a Christian? I've given you a few things you can use if you'd like. Why are you a Christian? Why are you here tonight?

MY NOTES