The Main Character

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INTRODUCTION

- Every time you open this book, you ought to be looking for something related to Jesus.
- If we find Jesus first in our studies, it'll change our hearts from the inside out.

1 One Story: This Is a Jesus Book

Luke 24:27; Luke 24:44

- All of these different things come together to tell one story. Not a bunch of different stories that happen to connect.
- The one message of Scripture is God the Father's plan to redeem sinners through Jesus Christ.
- Everything leading up to the cross in Scripture is about Christ and the redemption that would come. And everything after the cross in Scripture is about Christ and the redemption that has come.
- They knew the text. They did not know the whole point of the text.

2 How Far Back Can You Go?

Genesis 1:1–3; Genesis 3:15; John 1:1–7

- Then God said, Let there be light. And there was light. There is your first reference to the substance of Christ and his value to man.
- The first reference to Christ is the light that brought what was needed into a world that desperately needed it.
- In him was life. And the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- You bring in the light of Christ into every day.

3 How Far the Other Way?

Revelation 21:22–24; Revelation 22:21

- In the beginning, light into chaos. In the end, the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.
- I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
- Jesus is the light and the lamp.

4 Usually This Story Is About David and You

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- Usually this story is about two people. David and you.
- But you might be missing the bigger point to get to the smaller one.

- You end up feeling worse after reading these stories than before you read them. Do you know why? Because you found the wrong person.
- We have got to be careful at defining our victory by our achievements.

5 Jesus Is My David

1 Samuel 17:8–9; 1 Samuel 17:34–36; 1 Samuel 17:50–52

- He faced a foe no one could defeat.
- If David fails, the entire nation is now forever enslaved to the enemy.
- They were not walking in their own strength. They were walking in the strength of his might.
- Jesus is my David. Now, this isn't saying David is Jesus, and he's perfect like Jesus.
- Jesus ended up picking up death and using it against him by defeating it and taking it and controlling it forever.

6 If Jesus Is David, Where Are We?

1 Samuel 17:23–25; 1 Samuel 17:51–52; Ephesians 6:10

- If it's just us against the devil, we're gonna run and flee.
- And then Jesus came. And he did what you could not do. And he did it for you.
- Because I know that Satan, sin, and death have already been defeated.
- Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

THE CHALLENGE

Is Jesus your Savior? Has Jesus changed everything for you? When you open this book, you find him, and when you find him, you do what he says.

MY NOTES