

Podcast 273 Jesus, Son of David

We're going to talk about Jesus, the Son of David. Some of the motivation from this came as I was seeking God recently. I was feeling a little lethargic. Many of us have been battling spiritual forces for months now, praying for our country, fighting the good fight of faith, and resisting the devil.

I remembered that Jesus was consumed with the zeal for His Father's House. In His first coming He sacrificed His life as a lamb. However Jesus is more than a lamb. Jesus is also God in the flesh. Jesus is God. He's also a king. In His second coming He is returning as a lion.

As a result, believers are part of the church militant, and I was sensing that I was starting to lose this mindset a little bit. As I prayed, God reminded me about Jesus as the Son of David. With that background, we are going to discuss David to shed some more light on the Son of David.

Let's pray: Father, thank You for Your Word. Thank You for Your son. Thank You for His lineage through David. I pray that you will bless our consideration today. You'll help us to drink of the same spirit of David in the spirit of Christ today as we contemplate them. Let this not just be interesting information, but let us be imbued with the heart of David and the heart of Christ. In Jesus name. Amen."

David is quite a guy. If we knew nothing about David, and had never read the Old Testament, just the fact that Matthew 1:1 begins with this verse, "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the Son of David," should pique your interest. That should make us say, "Wow, the genealogy of Jesus Christ the Son of David."

Jesus chose to be called the Son of David. A friend of mine pointed out this truth the other night. I've been thinking about it ever since. God chose to be identified with a man. He called himself the Son of David. This name for Jesus is used 17 times in the New Testament. Jesus was also born in the city of David. I'm going to read a lot of scriptures in this podcast.

"Has not the scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" (John 7:42)

Isaiah 11: 1-3, "Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot. Yes, a new branch bearing fruit from the old root. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He will delight in obeying the Lord." Clearly a prophecy about Christ coming from the stump of David's family.

As I said a minute ago, he was from Bethlehem. "You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me One

Who is to be ruler in Israel, Whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.” (Micah 5:2)

David was also from Bethlehem. That's why Christ had to go back to Bethlehem because He was of the lineage of David. There are several passages that talk about David being from Bethlehem. In 1 Samuel 17:15, “David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.”

“David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons.” (1 Samuel 17:12) Jesus in Luke 2, was born in Bethlehem. “Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.” (Luke 2:4)

Let's look at how David was a type of Christ. He gives insight into Christ Himself. He was more than a shepherd boy who slew Goliath and became a king. He exhibited Christ-like qualities.

I'm going to break it down. David was a shepherd. He was a priest. He was warrior. He was a prophet. Eventually, he was chosen by God and anointed to be king. Now, there's a whole lot we could talk about this. Just hold those thoughts because Jesus was all of those things, and more.

When we start comprehending who David was, it helps us to identify and understand more about Christ. David is called a prophet in Acts 2. “Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.” (Acts 2:29–31)

“And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets.” (Hebrews 11:32) Even when they don't use the word prophet, the New Testament believers clearly regarded David as a prophet. Earlier in Acts: “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.” (Acts 1:16)

Here's David, prophesying. Here's David lumped with Samuel and the prophets, and he was called a prophet in Acts 2. Jesus himself when he was debating with the religious people of his day said, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?” They said to Him, “The son of David.” This was clearly understood in their culture.

Jesus said to the religious leaders, quoting Psalm 110, “‘What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?’ They said to Him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘Then

how does David in the Spirit call Him "Lord," saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet'?" (Matthew 22:42-44)

David, in the spirit, spoke of the Messiah Who would come in the future. This is the language of a prophet. We're going to check that box. David's a prophet.

He's also a priest. It's interesting when you think about this because I remember when Saul tried to be a priest and that didn't work well. I also remember another king, it was Uzziah who tried to be a priest and he ended up getting leprosy, but David in 1 Samuel 30, said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." The ephod is a priestly garment.

Abiathar brought the ephod to David and David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I pursue after this plan. Shall I overtake them?" He said, "Pursue." God answered his prayer. He was assuming the position of a priest. When they brought the Ark of God from Obed-Edom to the city of David, there was David dancing before the Lord, with all his might, and David, it says, was wearing a linen, which was a priestly garment.

Consider Psalm 27, "One thing, have I ask of the Lord that what I seek after that, I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD." (Psalm 27:4-6)

You can see that David desired to be a priest, He wanted to be someone that ministered to the Lord. Truly, David, if you read through the Psalms, was a priest. He was interceding. He was worshipping. He was ministering to the Lord.

We know without going into more detail, that David was a king, and was anointed three times in the Bible. Samuel initially anointed David in his home with his brothers and his father. Later he was anointed to be king over the two tribes in the southern kingdom. Finally he was anointed to be king of all the tribes. David was king. This is certain.

Now, let's look at Jesus. He uses these words in Luke 4, about himself, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown." He was a prophet.

Deuteronomy 18, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth and he shall speak to them all that I command you." This prophecies of Christ in Deuteronomy 18, and then is fulfilled in John 12.

Jesus says, "I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has Himself given me a commandment, what to say and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore I say, as the Father has told me."

He didn't talk just because he felt like it. He prophesied for God, He was speaking for His Father and relating everything that the Father gave Him to speak. Thus David gives us a taste of what it means to be a prophet and Jesus is the ultimate prophet.

David also gives us a taste of what it means to be a priest. Priests minister to God, wear an ephod, and offer sacrifices. David did all three.

Here are David's words in Psalm 27:4-6: "One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD."

"David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. And David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue." (1 Samuel 30:7-8)

"David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod." (2 Samuel 6:12-14)

There's so much in the Bible about Jesus being our high priest. He not only was the priest who offered sacrifices, He was the priest who offered the ultimate sacrifice of Himself. He was the priest and the sacrifice. He went into the holy of holies and didn't offer a lamb. He was the lamb.

"Behold My servant, Whom I uphold, My chosen, in Whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations." (Isaiah 42:1) God anoints Jesus to be a priest.

"When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption." (Hebrews 9:11-12)

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29) Christ was the sacrificial lamb and Christ was the high priest.

Hebrews 10, "Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices which can never take away sins, but when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet, for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

Jesus is praying for us right now. This is what priests do. They pray for their people. "Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25) He's seated and waiting for His kingship to be established on this earth and He's going to put his feet down in Jerusalem, he's going to rule and reign."

Until that time, Jesus is seated at the right hand of his Father and praying for Scott and for Steve and He's praying for our families and for His people. He gets His prayers answered because He is praying perfect prayers to God Who hears Him.

David is a shepherd which is well known. Jesus is also a shepherd, in Hebrews 13:20, "Our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep." We know from John 10, about Jesus being not only the shepherd of the sheep but being the door of the sheep.

Jesus is not only our shepherd, He is our king. Isaiah 33:22. "The LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king, He will save us." So much packed into one verse there.

Isaiah 9:6-7, "To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder. His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David," there it is again," and over His kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will do this."

Consider Psalm 89. I'm going to make an appeal to all of our listeners. Read Psalm 89. There are incredible promises made to David. Think for a minute how special this is, that God has made promises to a man. Psalm 89:19, "I have granted help to one who is mighty. I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found David, My servant, with My holy oil. I have anointed Him so that My hands shall be established with Him. My arm also strengthened Him." This is incredible stuff

24th verse, "My faithfulness and My steadfast love shall be with Him in My name, shall His horn be exalted."

35th verse, "Once for all I have sworn by My holiness," as if God needs to swear by anything. I mean, God speaks and it happens. However He says, "I have sworn by My holiness. I will not lie to David. His offspring shall endure forever His throne as long as the sun before Me." This is incredible. David being promised by God, and God is swearing by His Holiness.

God loved David. We know David's weakness as we know his sin with Bathsheba. Somehow the blood of Christ covered that man for David was a special man in the kingdom of God.

What I'm hoping we can do is we see past David, look over his shoulder so to speak and see the son of David. Revelation 22:16 captures that I think. This the end of the Bible. "I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

When you just take those words, He's the root. In other words, He's the Creator, and the descendant of David. He's the creator of David. He's the son of David. He's the one that brought David into being, and He's the one that fulfilled those incredible promises that His father made to David.

I'm going to wrap this up here. David was more than a shepherd boy who slew Goliath and became a king. He exhibited Christ-like qualities and foreshadowed the Messiah. God chose this youngest son of Jesse, to enhance our understanding of some of the facets of Christ. He was a shepherd, a prophet, a priest, and a warrior king.

Jesus is our Savior and Lord. He was like David only more so where David was a faithful Shepherd, Jesus is the great shepherd. Jesus was and is our high priest, the conquering warrior, the chosen one, the anointed one, the King of kings and Lord of lords. I hope that God will help us to expand our appreciation for the man, David.

Then I hope that as our hearts expand to embrace what we've learned about David today, that it will be expanded to see Christ more fully. People who have not read the entire Bible, myself included, mistakenly thought of Christ as a meek and gentle Savior, which He is.

I also see Christ, the only time He really dialed it back is at the end of His earthly life when He is in the garden of Gethsemane. He's accosted by a hostile gang? He says one sentence and they all fall down. This is a king. This is a majestic being. Then He says, "OK, take Me, because I've got to fulfill all righteousness. I've got to be a lamb now about to be sacrificed.

He prayed, "Nevertheless, not My will but Thine." He allowed Himself to be beaten and scarred and spit upon, endure unbelievable physical suffering. Hung on a cross for you and me. That's it. When He comes back, the gloves are off. He's coming back as a warrior king. He's coming back as the lion of the tribe of Judah.

This is our king. This is Jesus. People didn't want to mess with David when he was king. People are not going to mess with Jesus, because He is the king. I hope that some of the teeth of that will get into us. Yes, we need to be humble and meek, etc. We also have to have some of the Davidic spirit in us.

When we see injustice, and unrighteousness, there's something that needs to rise up in us and fight and put the battle through and resist the devil and bind a strong man, knowing that our enemies are not flesh and blood. We're going to reign with Him. We're going to fight with Him. The church is the church militant. It's a church that follows a king. Amen.

I have one more little story I'll add about Psalm 89. When our second son, which we didn't know was going to be a son, because we never did any of the tests. When Sandi was expecting, I was unable to come up with a name. I read through the name books as moms and dads do. Looking at the meaning and trying to find something but to no avail.

Then it dawned on me I hadn't prayed yet? So I immediately knelt down, and I had hardly hit the floor when the word 'steadfast' came to my mind.

I thought, steadfast. I got the name book down again. Looking backwards, I looked at the meanings of names, and I found out that Ethan meant steadfast. Then I got up off my knees and did a concordance study on Ethan. It turns out, there's a couple Ethan's in the Bible. Ethan, the Ezrahite, etc. When you look at Psalm 89, which is what I did, it turns out Psalm 89 was a maskil of Ethan, the Ezrahite.

I then reached for the closest Bible, which had been given to me at my confirmation in the Methodist Church eons ago. It was an RSV version, Revised Standard Version. I started reading Psalm 89. I'll just read you the first line, "I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord."

Verse 2, "Steadfast love will be built up forever." It turns out Ethan, whose name means steadfast wrote a Psalm about the steadfast love of the Lord, which I believe is Chesed and it clicked. I found Sandy and said, "What do you think about the name, Ethan?"

She said, "I've been just thinking about that name." We had a connection. That was one of the ones on her list. Now we have a son named Ethan, because of Psalm 89, because of God's steadfastness.

Let's pray. "Father, thank You for David. Thank You for something about his spirit and his heart, and his zeal, and his devotion that You just flat-out loved. Thank You for giving in to us so that we could have a picture of the son of David, who not only

exhibited similar qualities, and yet taken to an incredible degree, but fulfilled all those promises made to David.

You revealed even to us through this whole episode how faithful You are to Your word. How You watch over Your word to perform it. There's a lot going on in my heart and in my mind. I'm not sure my words are doing justice to it. I worship You. I pray that You will plant seeds of the Davidic spirit in all of our hearts.

Help us to plant seeds of the Spirit of Christ in our hearts, so that we can love You and have zeal for You like David. Help us to fight the good fight. Help us to hold on in Jesus' name, Amen."