

Light in the Darkest Days

Judges 13-16

Introduction

- This is a story about God and his relationship with his people
- In the story of Samson, God takes the initiative to reclaim his people for himself and re-establish his name in the land

Main Points:

1. God _____ – God sends a deliverer in the form of an infant
 - a. Judges 13.5: for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.
 - b. God is _____ -- for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb
 - c. Samson is a _____ of Christ:
 - i. The Angel of the Lord visits Manoah's wife / the angel, Gabriel visits Mary
 - ii. Both women are unexpected mothers / those unexpected are expecting
 - iii. Both children are set apart to save God's people from God's enemies
2. God _____ – Samson gets married and stirs the pot
 - a. Judges 14.4: ⁴His father and mother did not know that it was from the LORD, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.
 - b. God is _____ -- it was from the LORD
 - c. Samson is a foreshadow of Christ
 - i. Samson picks a fight with the _____ /

Jesus picks a fight with the _____
and

_____ / Jesus speaks in

_____ / Jesus is
betrayed by one of his _____

3. God _____ – Samson wins despite the odds being
1000:1

a. Judges 15.18: ¹⁸And he was very thirsty, and he called upon the LORD and said, "You have granted this great salvation by the hand of your servant, and shall I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?"

b. God is _____ – God never abandons
Samson

c. Samson is a foreshadow of Christ

i. Samson's countrymen come to _____
him at night / Jesus's countrymen come to _____
_____ him at night

ii. Samson hides in the cleft of the rock / Jesus is the rock

iii. Samson prays for water and is revived / Jesus gives living
water c.f. John 4.10

4. God _____ – Samson's captivity and death brings
freedom and life to Israel

a. Judges 16.30: ³⁰And Samson said, "Let me die with the
Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house
fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the
dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom

he had killed during his life.

b. God _____ and _____ his people – he heard and honoured Samson’s last prayer

c. Samson is a foreshadow of Christ

i. Samson is betrayed for a price paid in silver / Jesus was betrayed in kind

ii. Samson is _____ by his enemies / Jesus is beaten and _____

iii. Samson defeats his _____ through his death / Jesus does too

iv. Samson’s sin led to his _____ / Jesus died to save us from our sin

Conclusion

- Samson’s story is the most famous of all the judges
- The purpose of the Book of Judges is to explain the _____ of a king and the collapse of the _____
- It is the story of God
 - God intervenes / creates / gives
 - God has a plan and uses _____ to execute his plan
 - God saves us from our _____ and sometimes even from _____
 - God deals with his enemies, and there will be a day of _____