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David: The Shepherd King Who Points to the Greater King

Opening Prayer

Father God, we come before You in the name of Jesus. We thank You for Your Word, which is living and active. Lord, as we open the Scriptures and look at the life of David, we ask that You would open our eyes to see Christ. Help us to understand how the Old Testament points to Jesus. Speak to our hearts. Strengthen believers. Draw the lost to salvation. And may everything we say and hear glorify Your Son. In Jesus' name, amen.

Introduction: Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

The Bible is one unified story. From Genesis to Revelation, it points to Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in **Luke 24:27 (NIV)**

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

That means when we read about David, we are not just reading ancient history. We are seeing shadows and pictures....types...of Christ.

David was a real man. He lived around 1000 BC. He was a shepherd, a warrior, a king, a poet, and a sinner saved by grace. But beyond the historical David, the Holy

Spirit was painting a picture of the coming Messiah.

Today, we will look at David as a type of Christ:

- . The Shepherd King
- . The Anointed One
- . The Rejected King
- . The Suffering King
- . The Eternal King

And in each section, we will see how David points us to Jesus.

1. The Shepherd King

David's story begins in shadows.

In 1 Samuel 16, the prophet Samuel comes to anoint one of Jesse's sons as king. All the strong, impressive brothers pass before him. But God says in **1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)**
7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not

consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

David wasn't even invited to the lineup. He was out tending sheep.

When Samuel asked for him, Jesse sent for the youngest, the overlooked shepherd boy. And the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

1 Samuel 16:12

NIV¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

David was a shepherd before he was king.

Now fast forward 1,000 years.

In **John 10:11** (NIV), Jesus says:

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

David protected his sheep from lions and bears (1 Samuel 17:34-36). **Jesus** protects His sheep from sin, death, and Satan.

1 Samuel 17:34-36 NIV ³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one

of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

David risked his life for sheep.
Jesus gave His life for sinners.

David would later write **Psalm 23 (NIV):**

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing....”

David, the shepherd, points to the greater Shepherd. And here’s the beauty: the Shepherd became the Lamb.

Revelation 7:17 (NIV) says:

17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne

will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Only Jesus can be both Lamb and Shepherd.

2. The Anointed King

When Samuel anointed David, oil was poured over his head.

The word “Messiah” means “Anointed One.” In Hebrew it’s *Mashiach* 👉 mah-SHEE-ock. In Greek, it’s *Christos*. Christ means “Anointed One.”

David was anointed with oil.
Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit.

At Jesus’ baptism in **Matthew 3:16-17** **(NIV)¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”**

David was chosen by grace.
Jesus was sent by the Father.

David was anointed privately before he was revealed publicly.

Jesus lived 30 quiet years before beginning His public ministry.

David waited years between his anointing and his throne.

Jesus was declared King at birth....but is **still waiting** for the full public manifestation of His reign.

There is often a gap between calling and fulfillment.

3. The Rejected King

After David defeated Goliath, Israel celebrated him.

1 Samuel 18:7 (NIV) ⁷ As they danced, they sang:

“Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.”

But instead of rejoicing, Saul became jealous.

David was the rightful anointed king. Yet Saul sat on the throne and tried to kill him.

David was rejected by the existing king and hunted like a criminal.

In **John 1:11** (NIV), we read about Jesus:

“He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.”

Jesus is the rightful King. But when He came to Israel, many rejected Him.

David hid in caves.

Jesus had no place to lay His head.

David gathered a band of distressed followers (1 Samuel 22:2).

Jesus gathered tax collectors, fishermen, sinners.

1 Samuel 22:2 NIV ² All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.

David's followers were in debt, distressed, and discontented.

Jesus' followers were broken and needy.

And here's the connection: David was the rightful king, but many did not recognize or accept his rule.

In the same way, Jesus is the true King today, yet much of the world still rejects Him.

4. The Suffering King:

Many of David's psalms describe suffering that goes beyond his own life.

Psalm 22 is a powerful example. David writes:

Psalm 22:1 (NIV):

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.....?”

Those are the exact words Jesus cried from the cross **(Matthew 27:46) ^{NIV} 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).**

Psalm 22:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

David was never crucified... But the Spirit of God was pointing forward.

Psalm 22:18 (NIV)

“They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”

That happened literally at the cross...not to David but to Jesus... **(John 19:24 NIV²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.)**

David suffered betrayal.
Jesus was betrayed by Judas.

David was mocked.
Jesus was mocked.

David was opposed by his own son Absalom.
Jesus was rejected by His own people.

But here’s the difference:

David suffered because of sin in a fallen world.

Jesus suffered for our sins.

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV) ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

David points to a suffering King.....but Jesus fulfills it completely.

5. The Eternal King:

God made a covenant with David in

2 Samuel 7:12-13 (NIV) ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will

establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

King Solomon who is King David's son partially fulfilled that. But Solomon died.

So who is the eternal Son of David?

The angel told Mary in **Luke 1:32-33 (NIV)**
³² He will be great and will be called the
Son of the Most High. The Lord God will
give him the throne of his father
David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's
descendants forever; his kingdom will
never end."

David's throne was temporary.
Jesus' throne is eternal.

David conquered Jerusalem.
Jesus will reign from the New Jerusalem.

David's kingdom was earthly.
Jesus' kingdom is both spiritual now and
literal forever.

Revelation 19:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

David was a shadow.
Jesus is the substance.

The Salvation Invitation: Come to the Greater David

David defeated Goliath as Israel's representative.

Goliath is a "Type" of Satan....

The people stood behind David. He fought in their place. In Israel's place.

In the same way, Jesus fought the greater giant....sin, death, and Satan....on our behalf.

You and I could never defeat sin on our own. We cannot earn heaven. We cannot clean ourselves up.

David wrote in ***Psalm 51:10 (NIV):***

***10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.***

David understood grace.

And here is the gospel:

John 3:16 (NIV)

***“For God so loved the world that he
gave his one and only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life.”***

Jesus, the Son of David, lived a sinless life.
He died on the cross for your sin.
He rose again on the third day.

He is alive.

👉 If you have never been born again,
today is the day.

John 1:12 (NIV)

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

You receive Him by faith.

You turn from sin.

You trust in Christ alone.

You surrender your life to Him as King.

If that is you, you can pray right now:

“Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I believe You died for me and rose again. Forgive me. Wash me. Be my Savior. Be my King. I surrender my life to You. Amen.”

The Bible says: **Romans 10:9 (NIV):**

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Closing Prayer:

Father God, thank You for showing us Jesus in the life of David. Thank You that the Bible is one story of redemption. Thank You for sending the greater Shepherd, the greater King, the Son of David....Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord God Strengthen Your people to follow you faithfully. Help us to live as citizens of your kingdom. And for anyone who has prayed to receive Christ today, seal that work in their heart. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit. Lead them into fellowship and growth.

We love You. We praise You. We worship the King of kings.

In Jesus' name, amen.