

From Samuel and David to John and Jesus

Sermon Series: Luke: All Things New



Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Key Text

Luke 1:15

→ “And he must not drink wine or strong drink...”



Big Idea

As Samuel existed to prepare the way for David, so in a more climactic sense, John the Baptist now exists to prepare the way for Jesus. It's all about Jesus. Look to Him!

(1) The Specific Allusions (space for notes)

(2) The Broader Storyline (space for notes)

(3) The Main Point

The main point, it seems to me, is not found in the parallels but in the glaring perpendiculars—the places where the two narratives don't align. And here are the most glaring of all perpendiculars: the first David was a sinner, and yet he lives; the second David, the son of David, Jesus, was sinless, and yet He dies. David, like you and I, is a sinner. He pictured the Christ, but He wasn't the Christ. He desperately needed the Christ.

So in the parallels God is not merely repeating Himself. He's not like some senile old grandpa telling the same story again and again. No! In all the lowercase stories of the OT, the uppercase Story of God is advancing. The shadows in 1-2 Samuel find their substance in Luke. Samuel and David were preparing us for John and Jesus.



Critical Action

We are prone to coronate whatever things we think can bring us peace, prosperity, protection from our enemies. The Bible's witness is clear: only Jesus is worthy of such a place in your heart. Look to Him and don't look away!



Reflection Questions

- In your own words, why do you think Luke makes the allusions he does to the story of 1-2 Samuel? How does the background of Samuel help you better understand Luke's gospel?
- When you see the way God foreshadows and anticipates the Person and work of Christ in the Old Testament, what effect does that have on your faith? On your devotional life? Where else have you seen Jesus in the Old Testament in a way meaningful to you?
- How have you experienced the weeping of Rev 5:4 in your search for someone or something worthy to save you and give you peace and joy. How have you experienced the joy of Rev 5:5 in discovering Christ as the only way! Are you still prone to look away from Christ rather than towards Him?