

Episode 3: The Anointing



READ 1 SAMUEL 16

To be able to compare and contrast the show's depiction of David's anointing and the bible, read 1 Samuel 16.

The episode starts with Saul having nightmares. One of his nightmares is that Jonathan is killed in battle. In his sleepwalking he kills a servant boy which then requires the family to cover up his death.

We then get to know Abner, who is the commander of Saul's army. See 1 Samuel 14:50. Lord Abner asks someone to watch / follow Samuel as Saul, his wife and family are mad that Samuel took away the spirit and think that he cursed Saul. The person who was following Samuel finds Samuel's assistant and tortures him to tell him where Samuel is. This is not in scripture.

Abner and Saul's wife go to a priestess/ witch/ sorcerer to help heal Saul and make him not crazy any longer. This differs from scripture. In scripture this does not happen until later after Samuel is dead and Saul consults a medium of En-dor. See 1 Samuel 28:7-10.

- In times of desperation we can do things we wouldn't normally do. When you feel desperate, what do you do? What do you think you should do and what can you change so that you do that instead?

Next, in the show we see God talk to Samuel and tell him to anoint a new king. Read 1 Samuel 16 to better understand the story of David's anointing.

How did Samuel disguise his motive for meeting with Jesse? This is what God told him to do.

The Lord told Samuel, in 1 Samuel 16:7, (ESV) But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as a man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

- What clues does this give you about David?

Below is each of Jesse's sons who is named, indicate what the Lord said about each of them? Refer to 1 Samuel 16:6-10.

- Eliab
- Abinadab
- Shammah
- The rest are not named, but how many did Jesse have pass by Samuel? (1 Samuel 16:9)

Samuel asks if there is another son. Jesse has to get David out of the fields as he is watching the sheep. Read 1 Samuel 16:11-12 (ESV) ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

Samuel expected to see a great warrior, but God sees the heart.

- If Samuel would have anointed a king based off of appearance, it wouldn't have been David that was anointed. Have you ever misjudged someone only to realize you judged off of appearance and not their heart?

Samuel anoints David as king 1 Samuel 16:13 (ESV) Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Difference – In the show only 5 brothers are shown in the scene. David had 7 brothers as noted in scripture, 1 Samuel 16:9

Later in the episode, the Philistine king goes to a house and talks to the "mother of giants" and meets Goliath. There is more to come later with Goliath and the king of the Philistines.