

A Private Anointing & Confirmation

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1 Samuel 9:27-10:16

Oak Community Church (PCA)

Where the Storyteller has taken us:

- God used a series of ordinary events to bring Saul to Samuel
- Samuel honors Saul at worship and then gives Word from God

The Prince is Anointed

- Samuel anoints Saul as prince over the people
- First ruler anointed; previously only priests^{Ex28:41}

The Prince is Certified by Signs

- Storyteller has made it clear, Saul is not sure about this
- Samuel gives Saul 3 signs to confirm God's calling⁷
- Once confirmed he is to act as king because God is with you
- Always under the authority of God - prophet⁸

Some Significant Things:

- Gibeath¹⁰: where Benjaminites disgraced^{Jdgs19} almost wiped^{Jdg20:47}; now a Benjaminite is to be king
- 1st sign at Rachel's tomb: Jacob's favorite wife; 2 men w/ message donkeys are found; dad is concerned
- 2nd sign: specific 3 men, 3 loaves; will give you 2
- 3rd sign: meet prophets, Saul will prophesy w/ Spirit of Lord
- For Saul to be so spiritual is proverb worthy
- Like Eli's scoundrel sons replaced by Samuel; now Saul replaces Samuel's sons?
- Saul showed good works, but not faith
- Our good works are NOT the cause of our salvation, BUT good works are a necessary consequence of saving faith^{Mt7:21}

The King They Deserved

- Israel asked for a worldly king^{8:5}; God gave them Saul
- Saul doesn't seem to care about kingdom matters
- Answers uncle by skipping what mattered¹⁶
- Saul is NOT a man after God's own heart

God Gave Us the King We Don't Deserve!

- Saul in some ways foreshadows Jesus in contrast:
- Saul unable to find his donkeys; Jesus came to Jerusalem riding on a donkey: royal symbol of one who brings peace!
- Saul's life marked by disinterest in the things of God; Jesus' whole focus was obedience and God's Word^{Jn4:34}
- Saul once in awhile does spiritual things; Jesus constantly in step with Spirit of God^{Jn8:29}
- An Important Question for you:
 - Which Kingdom will you embrace?
 - Saul - worldly power; good looks
 - Jesus - Isaiah 53:2-3
- Embrace God's true King: Jesus - be concerned about the matter of the kingdom¹⁶ and Jesus will have you a part of His kingdom^{Micah5:4-5}