

# THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

EVERY STORY WHISPERS THE NAME OF JESUS



## The Uncorrupted Holy King

Psalm 16

### Main Idea

David the Covenant King pointed to the true Covenant King of Christ who is a great high priest that is Holy and uncorrupted.

### Setup

**Bible:** Not randomly thrown together history and poems, but a carefully arranged story whose hero is a Covenant King...Christ the Lord.

**Psalms:** Read as a single book: Each individual Psalm is arranged to tell the story of the Covenant King.

**Psalm 16:** David writes as a Covenant King (2 Samuel 7.12-13) not simply as a historical figure (which he was)

- Scriptures see him after his reign as an office as well (Is. 37.35, Jer. 23.5, etc.)
- David points to a True David...a Forever King, Jesus Christ

### Overview

- **Christ is the True David that defeats Death & Reigns as the Forever King**
  - Covenant King finds refuge in the Lord (vs. 1)
  - Everything he knows as good comes from the Lord (vs. 2)
  - He delights in the saints (holy ones), same thing the Lord delights in (vs. 3)
    - Ps. 147.11, 149.4
- **Those who don't delight in the Lord will have sorrows multiplied (vs. 4)**
- **The Lord is his portion, cup, and pleasant places have fallen in line (vs. 5)**
  - He has a beautiful inheritance
  - Ultimately...the Covenant King's inheritance is God Himself
  - He is a Priest (Numbers 18.20): Able to commune with God (vs. 11)
  - Gets counsel from the Lord (vs 7)
  - Unshaken...firm (because the Lord is his help) (vs 8)
  - His heart is glad and he rejoices because of these things (vs. 9)
- **Covenant King's flesh is secure, he won't see corruption as the Holy One because He is the Great High Priest, the Forever King who has done no wrong (vs 9-10)**
  - Both Peter, Paul, and by implication, Luke...see this as Christ: Acts 2.22-32 & 13.32-39
    - Peter and Paul reason this is true because David stayed dead (not forever king)
    - Jesus did not stay dead (he is the forever king)
  - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is certain because His holy flesh is uncorrupted: Death defeated

- **All those who turn from sin and turn to Christ can have union with him (Gal. 2.20)**
  - Therefore, Psalm 16 though ultimately about Christ: also about those united to him
  - We can have refuge, we can dwell secure
  - We can have the Lord as our portion and dwell in His presence where is the fullness of joy

### Questions

*Discussion starter: Do you think it is common to read the Bible as a single, arranged story pointing to Christ? How so or how is it not?*

1. Why is it important to see Christ as the centerpiece of the 1T (OT)? How will this affect the way you read the Bible?
2. How is David writing as a “Covenant King”? (2 Sam. 7.12)
3. Walk through the passage and describe the characteristics of this Covenant King.
4. Where do you find these things lacking in your life and why?
5. Why is it David feels so secure/not shaken by being with the Lord?
6. How do you find the Lord as your “portion?” Try and speak both spiritually and practically.
7. Why should the Covenant King have his flesh dwell so secure?
8. Why is it important that the Covenant King (Holy One) defeat corruption/sheol/death? (1 Cor. 15)
9. In what ways does the Resurrection inform your life?
10. Why do we often neglect the Resurrection when articulating the Gospel? Consider its implications.

*Accountability Question: How are you finding sorrows multiplied (vs 4) and no delight or joy in the presence of God this week?*