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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1504 ~ David Crowned King.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Have you ever had someone do something for you that you didn't want done at all? This happened to King David more than once. With the death of Abner and his political power gone, Ishbosheth the King of Israel lost both the civil war and his crown. However, years before, David had made an agreement with Saul's son Jonathan to look after each other's families.

How would David treat the deposed king? David never got a chance to decide as two of Ishbosheth's own captains visited him in his bedroom and killed him. They thought they would be pleasing David and obtain good positions in the new government. David did not want anything unlawful done to help him secure the throne of Israel. God had helped him over many a difficulty in times past, so he was waiting patiently for God to take care of his future. David's way of life was reconciliation and peacemaking.

Many times in the centuries following David's reign, terrible things have been done by one group of people against another group in the name of the Lord. So many religious wars and church conflicts have broken God's heart and disgraced His name! If you are ever tempted to retaliate, keep in mind that God's people must not repay evil with evil so that God's justice and goodness may come instead. God overcomes evil with good at the right time. Sometimes a person gets an idea in their head and goes off to do it without asking others if their impatient plan to act quickly will dishonour God by their actions. Ishbosheth's captains did just this and because what they did was wrong, David punished them for it.

With Ishbosheth dying after only two short but troubled years on the throne, Saul's family dynasty as kings of Israel was now at an end. The tribal leaders of Israel went to David at Hebron and made an agreement with him. Again, they anointed David king over Israel. This was the third anointing for David to become king! David had gradually increased in power until he was the king of Israel, just as it had been predicted many years before.

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What a long hard journey it had been for David to go from being a shepherd boy to a mighty soldier and now, the king of his country! In the Bible book 2 Samuel, Chapter 7, God promised David that his kingdom would be established forever. There would always be a descendent of his on the throne. What did God mean by this? We know that Israel has not had a king for centuries. God referred to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to be the future ruler of the universe.

Like David, there were stages in Jesus' development on earth too towards His eternal kingly role. In the New Testament book of John, Chapter 12, at the time of the Passover feast in Jerusalem, a great crowd heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet Him, shouting: "God bless the King of Israel!" Jesus rode into the city on a donkey yet was highly welcomed as Israel's new king. This event fulfilled a prophecy in the book of Zechariah, Chapter 9. But only a few days later, however, Jesus was rejected by the same crowd of people outside Governor Pilate's palace.

This time, the crowd shouted: “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Yes, they wanted a king of Israel who would overthrow the Roman occupation of their country. But no, they didn’t want a man who showed them by His teaching and miracles that He was God and that they were rebelling against their own Creator. Just as David in the early years after his anointing to be king suffered many trials, Jesus also suffered so much. He endured this to show to everyone just how much He loved us people.

Innocent though he was, Jesus became one more Israelite to be cruelly treated by the Roman execution squad. His disciples just could not understand why Jesus didn’t use His superhuman powers to evade capture. They had seen Him get away from a crowd before. They were so disappointed and disillusioned. Why? Why? Why? They knew He was the Christ, God’s anointed one. Yet when He was dead, His battered body was hurriedly laid in a new tomb so the Passover meal and the rituals with it could be kept.

The day after the Passover Feast was a normal Sabbath rest day. It was now two days that had passed before anyone could go to Jesus’ tomb to do the normal embalming of His body. And this job was left to the women. The men, fearful and in hiding, were starting to think about going back to their old fishing lifestyle which they had before Jesus had called them to be His disciples.

Yet the women came hurrying back. What a surprise they all received! Jesus was risen! No one expected to hear that Jesus was no longer dead. In Romans, Chapter 4, it says: “Because of our sins he was given over to die, and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.” The disciples saw Jesus for themselves and talked with Him. In Luke, Chapter 24, the Lord Jesus explained the Scriptures to them and said: “This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations.”

Forty days after His death, the Lord Jesus went back up to heaven. Two angels appeared and told the watching disciples that Jesus will one day return the same way. He will call all His genuine disciples up to be with Him in heaven. Later Jesus' kingdom will be established on earth and He will reign for a thousand years. After the final judgments are past, Jesus Christ, God's anointed one, will reign as King of kings and Lord of Lords forever. God will keep His promise to King David of Israel that Jesus, David's earthly descendent, will always remain as king on the throne.

Do you think of Jesus as a helpless baby in a manger or as a Judge and King of Kings? One day in the future, every living person will bow before the Lord Jesus. Some will bow gladly because they asked Him to be their Saviour from their sin. Some will bow fearfully because they rejected His authority over them. The time for turning to Jesus is short. Have you put all your trust in the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour from sin? Are you living your life depending on Him to guide and teach you? Do so and live a fruitful life for Him.

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That was Chris Rodriguez and Lisa Glasgow singing "Remain in My Love."

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