



How Hero Stories Point to Jesus

2 Samuel 23:20-23

Can you relate to the ways that we typically read stories of Bible heroes? What did the stories of David and Goliath, Daniel, and Jonah inspire you to do or not do?

On one hand, there are life lessons in these stories. On the other hand, reading them like this isn't incorrect, just incomplete. But what if the stories of the Bible are doing more than giving us examples to copy or avoid? What if they are ultimately pointing us somewhere –

forward – to Jesus? How might Jesus Himself interpret these stories?

This morning we'll look at the story of Benaiah in a pit with a lion on a snowy day through the lenses of the **CHRIST** acronym and see how, along with its rich life lessons, ultimately points to Jesus.

We'll apply the **CHRIST** acronym, not to replace the life lessons we see here, but to root them where they belong – in Christ!

C.H.R.I.S.T. **Seeing Christ in the Pages of Scripture**

Letter	Insights
C — Character of God	

H — Human Condition	
R — Redemption Storyline	
I — Incomplete Patterns	
S — Salvation Provided	
T — Transformation in Christ	

Benaiah's victory points us to Christ, the true Champion of David's kingdom—who entered the pit of death, emerged victorious, and now reigns forever. So, the question isn't simply, “What lions are you facing?” but “What does faithful trust in Christ look like right now?”

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