

The Serpent-Crusher

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

On Sundays in 2022 we're on a journey through the Old Testament, **Searching For The King**. Last Sunday we focused on the creative work of the Word of God in **Genesis 1-2**. Our King was **THERE**, in the beginning! But **Genesis 3** introduces us to the "ancient serpent," our greatest enemy.

~ He challenged God's will.

"Did God actually say..." (3:1)

~ He twisted God's words.

"Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" (3:1)

~ He lied about the consequences of disobeying God.

"You will not surely die." (3:4)

~ He encouraged Eve to doubt God's goodness.

"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God..." (3:5)



Eve believed the serpent's lies, Adam went right along with her and "sin came into the world" (Rom 5:12). Just like Adam and Eve (Gen 3:6), when I sin, I...

● Take what isn't mine

● Do what I want to do

● Do what is good in my own eyes

While there were serious consequences described to Eve (3:16) and to Adam (3:17-19), in his words to the serpent, God revealed a **HUGE** promise that will help us in our **search for the King**.

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (Gen 3:15)

Our King is the **SERPENT-CRUSHER**. Let's talk about what that means...



FOUNDATION STONES

Can you find **John 8:44** in your Bible? Let's listen to how Jesus describes the devil. What does our King want us to understand about that sneaky serpent?



The sneaky serpent is a liar, but look at what the **Gospel of John** teaches us about Jesus, our King:

- ☆ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and **truth**. (**John 1:14**)
- ☆ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the **truth**, and the **truth** will set you free." (**John 8:31-32**)

How is our King different and better than the devil?

Genesis 3 shows us how Adam and Eve regretted their choice and tried to hide what they had done from God, but they needed God's help. Since they had sinned, God had to send them away from the garden and from his presence (God can't be around evil things because God is pure and good). But, God wasn't giving up on humans. He already had a plan to make us good and holy so that we could live with him again. **What WAS that plan?**

