

Week 21: May 26 (May 19–May 25) **NO CLASS MEETINGS: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

- David has two chances to kill Saul, but chooses not to: Saul is “the Lord’s anointed”
- Samuel dies
- Story of Nabal and his wife Abigail: Nabal refuses to share. His name in Hebrew describes his character
- Nabal dies and David takes Abigail as his wife; also takes Ahinoam as his wife. His wife Michal, Saul’s daughter, taken by Saul and given to another man because of Saul’s anger at David
- David flees to Philistine territory to escape Saul’s wrath
- Saul “inquires of the Lord”, “but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets”, so Saul asks a medium to conjure up the ghost of Samuel.
- Saul, wounded in battle, “falls on his sword”; Jonathan killed in battle
- Begin 2 Samuel: David laments for Saul and Jonathan
- David is anointed king over Judah; one of Saul’s sons becomes king over Israel
- David adds wives and has children; will add more later
- The king of Israel is killed; David becomes king over Israel and unites the two kingdoms
- David then moves to Jerusalem, which becomes the City of David
- The Ark of the Covenant brought to Jerusalem; Uzzah killed by God for touching it - is this fair? David didn’t think so
- David dances joyfully before the Ark; Michal contemptuous, but David adamant: “I will celebrate before the Lord”
- God reveals to David that his son will build the Temple, not David. “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me, and your throne will be established forever”
- Jesus is in Jerusalem at the Festival of Dedication (Hanukkah): “I and the Father are one... the Father is in me and I in the Father”
- Jesus raises Mary and Martha’s brother Lazarus from the dead. Jesus shows deep emotion: “Jesus wept”
- “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”
- Chief Priests complain: “Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”
- Mary is identified in John as the one who anoints Jesus with nard
- “You will always have the poor among you”
- Palm Sunday: John is the only one who mentions palm branches

- The people shout out the words of Psalm 118 (p. 469)
- Chief Priests again complain, “Look how the whole world has gone after him.”
- God speaks: “I have glorified it [God’s name] and will glorify it again”
- “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.”
- “For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world”
- Jesus has his final meal with his disciples. Washes their feet. Why? “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you”
Is this just about foot washing?
- “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- “In my father’s house there are many rooms...”
- “I am the way and the truth the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- “I will do whatever you ask in my name”
- Jesus promises his disciples the gift of the Spirit, the Advocate:
“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”
- “The Father is greater than I”
- Psalm 118 (last of the Hallel psalms): “the stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”
- Psalm 119, the longest psalm is set in stanzas each of which begins with a letter from the Hebrew alphabet
- Proverbs 15:22 - “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed”
- Proverbs 15:30 - “good news gives health to the bones”