

WEEK TWO

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BETTER**

THEY FORESHADOW HIM

**THE GOSPEL CONCEALED
IN RAHAB, REVEALED
IN CHRIST**

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JOSHUA 2:1-22; 6:22-25
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SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

I. A GENTILE COMES TO FAITH AND IS COUNTED AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE (JOSHUA 2:1-14)

- A. Spies enter Jericho and lodge at Rahab's house (**Joshua 2:1-7**)
 - 1. Joshua sends spies into the land, especially Jericho (**Joshua 2:1; Numbers 13**)
 - 2. Rahab encounters messengers from the King of Jericho (**Joshua 2:2-7**)
- B. A conversation and confession of faith take place (**Joshua 2:8-14**)
 - 1. Rahab recounts what she knows of Israel and Yahweh (**Joshua 2:8-10; Exodus 15:14-16; Numbers 21:21-25, 31-35**)
 - 2. Rahab confesses faith in Yahweh (**Joshua 2:11; Deuteronomy 4:37-39**)
 - 3. Rahab and the spies come to an agreement (**Joshua 2:12-14**)
- C. The seeds of the gospel in Rahab come to full bloom in Christ (**Ephesians 3:4-6**)
 - 1. In Christ, Jews and Gentiles are one people (**Ephesians 2:11-14, 19-22**)
 - 2. Rahab becomes an ancestor of Christ (**Joshua 6:25b; Ruth 4:18-21; Matthew 1:4-6**)

II. A SIGN OF DELIVERANCE IS GIVEN (JOSHUA 2:15-22)

- A. Rahab gives instructions for a safe escape (**Joshua 2:15-16**)
- B. A scarlet cord serves as a sign of deliverance (**Joshua 2:17-20**)
 - 1. Rahab requests a sign to ensure the safety of her and her family (**Joshua 2:12-13**)
 - 2. The spies draw on the Passover as inspiration (**Joshua 2:17-20; Exodus 12:7, 13**)
 - 3. The scarlet cord looks back and forward (**John 1:29; I Peter 1:18-21; I John 4:9-11**)
- C. A verbal agreement and the sign is performed (**Joshua 2:21-22**)

III. SAVING FAITH IS EVIDENCED BY ACTION (JOSHUA 6:22-25)

- A. Joshua tells the spies to retrieve Rahab and her relatives (**Joshua 2:22-23**)
- B. Rahab is saved and lives among Israel (**Joshua 2:24-25**)
 - 1. Her life was transformed (**Joshua 2:25; Matthew 1:5; Deuteronomy 4:5-9; 6:7**)
 - 2. Rahab was saved by faith and hospitality (**Joshua 2:25; Hebrews 11:31; John 3:16-18; 36**)
- C. Faith is made evident by our obedient action (**James 2:22-26; Joshua 24:15; Hebrews 4:1-2, 6-7**)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. Describe how Rahab confessed her faith in God. What can we learn about faith in God from this example?
2. What is the significance of Rahab being included in the genealogy of Jesus? How does this reveal the mystery of the gospel?

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3. What sign do the spies give Rahab to ensure the safety of her and her family? How does this sign point back to the Passover? How does it point forward to Christ?
4. What does it mean to say that Rahab was saved by faith and hospitality? How should we understand the relationship between faith and works?

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5. Describe in your own words how Rahab is a type of Christ. How does she foreshadow him?

JOSHUA 6:22-25

But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her." 23 So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. 24 And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. 25 But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.