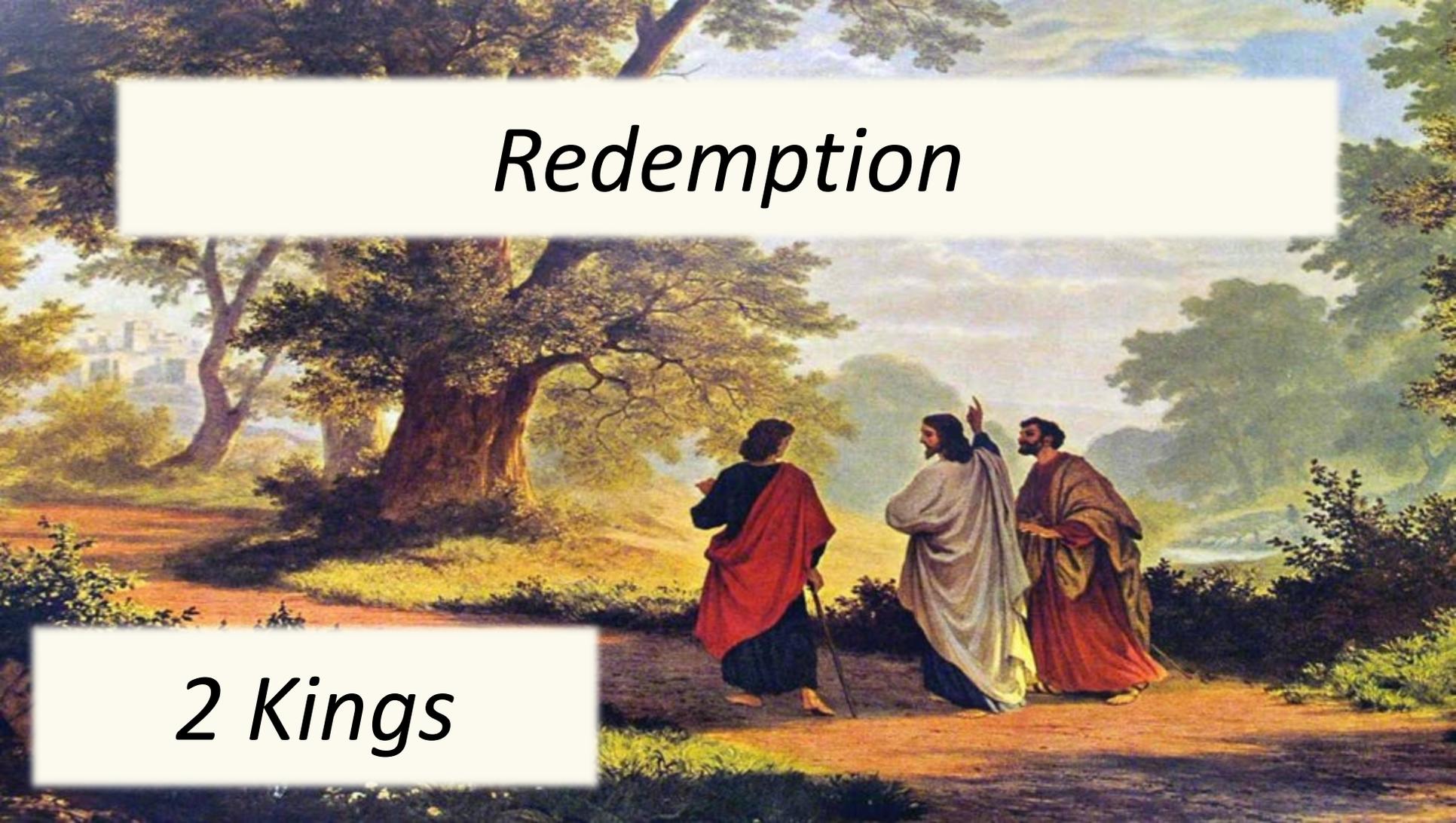


Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)



A painting depicting three men in a lush, green landscape. The man in the center, Jesus, is wearing a white robe and a blue sash, and is pointing upwards with his right hand. He is flanked by two other men in robes, one in a red and black robe on the left, and one in a brown and red robe on the right. They are standing on a dirt path that leads towards a large, ancient tree on the left. In the background, a city with a castle or palace is visible through the trees. The sky is bright and hazy, suggesting a distant horizon.

Redemption

2 Kings

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- No specific prophecies about Jesus
- Two appearances of *the angel of the Lord* (Elijah - 1:3,15; Isaiah - 19:35)
- *Types or foreshadowing*: Elisha, and the healing of Naaman

The Angel of the LORD

- 2 Kings 1:1-18
 - King Ahaziah became ill and sent men to inquire of *Baal-zebub*, not the God of Israel (1:2)
 - The angel of the LORD told Elijah to confront “the king of Samaria” (3-4)

The Angel of the LORD

- King Ahaziah sent men to retrieve Elijah from the top of a hill (9)
 - “O man of God, the king says, ‘Come down.’”
 - “O man of God, thus says the king, ‘Come down quickly.’”

The Angel of the LORD

- Arrogant rejection of God and His spokesman
- Elijah: *If I am a man **of God**, why is **the king** commanding me?*
- So, Elijah called down fire from heaven (10, 12; cf. 1 Kings 18)

The Angel of the LORD

- The third time, the commander “begged him and said to him, “O man of God, please...” (13-14)
- “The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, ‘Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.’” (15)

The Angel of the LORD

- *The Transfiguration* (Matt. 17:1-13; cf. Mark 9:1-13)
 - Jesus met with Moses and Elijah on the mountain (1-8)
 - The disciples had questions about Elijah (10-13)

The Angel of the LORD

- See Luke 9:51-56
 - Jesus (both God & His spokesman) was rejected in Samaria (53)
 - “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” (54)

The Angel of the LORD

- Jesus *rebuked* them (9:55; cf. 4:35, 39; 8:24; 9:42)
 - If rejected, they were to shake the dust off and move on (9:5)
 - Their mission was to preach the *good news* (cf. 10:1-12)

The Angel of the LORD

- 2 Kings 19:1-37
 - Assyria threatened Jerusalem (1-13)
 - King Hezekiah called to God (14-19)
 - God sent word thru Isaiah (20-34)
 - To Sennacherib: *You reproached Me, now I'll deal with you*

The Angel of the LORD

- “Then it happened that night that the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians...” (35)
 - Christophany?*
 - See Rev. 19:11-21

Why These Stories?

- Contrast:

Elijah: warning/
judgment/*fire*

John the Baptist

Elisha: help/
compassion

Jesus

See Matt. 11:7-15; 17:9-13

Why These Stories?

- Why the contrast?
 - There are times when God acts one way and not another
 - God is who He is, and He has revealed Himself in *all* of Scripture

Elisha: a *Type* of Christ

- Multiplying food (4:42-44)
 - barley loaves -> ‘Not enough!’
 - “they ate and had some left over”
- Fast forward: John 6:1-14
 - barley loaves -> ‘Not enough!’
 - “Gather up the leftover fragments”

Elisha: a *Type* of Christ

- Healing (2 Kings 5:1-14)
 - God was involved in Naaman's life
 - God used Naaman's skin disease to bring about *healing for his soul*

Elisha: a *Type* of Christ

- “Go and wash in the Jordan...” (10)
–Naaman had to humble himself and obey in faith (11-14)
- ““Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ ...
So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.” (John 9:7)

Elisha: a *Type* of Christ

- “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” (Luke 17:11-19)
 - Near Samaria
 - A *foreigner* was healed of leprosy
 - “your faith has made you well.”

So What?

- God allowed Naaman to contract leprosy
- God used a skin disease to change Naaman's heart
- What has God allowed in your life?
- What is He trying to do in you?

So What?

- Imagine that as a young child you were taken from your home and forced to be a slave
- Later you find out your captor/master has an incurable disease
- How would you respond?

So What?

- “He got what he deserves!!!”
- Or...
- See Rom. 12:14-21
- See 1 Pet. 2:18-25
- See 1 Pet. 3:8-18

So What?

- God allowed this young girl to be taken from her family and home
- God allowed her to be a slave
- God used her to bring her captor/master to salvation
- What might God want to do thru you?