

**"The Perfect Deliverer"**  
What the Judges could not be.  
Romans 3:23-25, 8:33-34, Hebrews 4:15-16

Looking at the Book of Judges, we witness the failed attempts by the Judges to fully deliver Israel, which ultimately points us to need of Jesus Christ. Looking at Christ in light of the Judges, we can see how He has become our perfect deliverer.

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

—Judges 21:25

I. Judges Could Not ***Resolve Sin Issue***

A. Propitiation – "wrath bearer"

"Forgiveness is always a form of costly suffering"

—Timothy Keller

"The wrath of God is as personal, and as potent, as his Love; and, just as the blood shedding of the Lord Jesus was the direct manifesting of his Father's love towards us, so it was the direct averting of his Father's wrath against us."

—J.I. Packer

II. Judges Were Not ***Eternal***

A. Judges death & effect.

"As soon as Gideon died, the people of Israel turned again and whored after the Baals and made Baal-berith their god.

—Judges 8:33

B. Jesus' death & effect.

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell"

—Colossians 1:19

"I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:20

### III. Judges Were **Human**, But Not **Without Sin**

A. Why is he able to sympathize?

B. Why is he able to help?

“The temptations we face – temptations to wrongfully indulge natural desires, to evade moral and spiritual issues, to cut moral corners and take easy ways out, to be less than loving and sympathetic to others, to be self-centered and lost in self-pity – all these came upon Jesus, but He yielded to none of them.”

—R.C. Sproul

C. Result: Confidence to seek him.

- Make a plan...
  - What are you going to read/study?
  - When are you going to spend time in the Word & in prayer?
  - Who is going to keep you accountable?