

Crimes and Misdemeanors: Revisiting Some of Scripture's Heroes and Villains

Some biblical characters could have used a good defense attorney. Others, perhaps, deserved a more aggressive prosecutor. Were Saul and Esau really that bad? Was Joseph as good and Solomon as wise as advertised? In this study, we will take a deeper look at some of Scripture's most famous characters to see if there might be more to certain stories than we imagine.

Date	Session	Topic
June 2	1	Cain <i>"We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one." (1 John 3:12)</i>
June 9	2	Gideon <i>"The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, 'The LORD is with you, you mighty warrior.'" (Judges 6:12)</i>
June 16	3	Esau <i>"See to it that no one becomes like Esau." (Hebrews 12:16)</i>
June 23	4	Joseph <i>"The patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him, and rescued him from all his afflictions." (Acts 7:9-10)</i>
June 30	5	Moses <i>"Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command." (Deuteronomy 34:5)</i>
July 7		No Class: Fourth of July
July 14	6	Samson <i>"And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, and Jephthah who through faith ..." (Hebrews 11:32-34)</i>
July 21	7	Leviticus <i>"An offering by fire to the LORD: the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is around the entrails; the two kidneys with the fat ..." (Leviticus 3:3-4)</i>
July 28	8	Naomi <i>"She said to them, 'Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.'" (Ruth 1:20)</i>
Aug 4	9	Saul <i>"Samuel said to Saul, 'You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.'" (1 Samuel 15:26)</i>
Aug 11	10	Solomon <i>"The whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind." (1Kings 10:24)</i>
Aug 18	11	Peter <i>"Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly." (Matthew 26:75)</i>
Aug 25	12	Paul <i>"The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him, but Paul chose Silas." (Acts 15:39-40)</i>