

- There are many who try to take the miracle out of the crossing of the Red Sea.
- A liberal preacher was preaching about the crossing of the Red Sea when a woman in the congregation yells, "Lordy, Lord, Praise you for this miracle of parting the Red Sea!"
- But the liberal Pastor didn't believe in miracles and tried to explain that this wasn't a miracle and that they actually crossed at a low marsh land at low tide and the water was only 6 inches deep.
- So, the lady in the congregations yelled out, "Lordy Lord, Praise you for the miracle of drowning the entire Egyptian army in only 6 inches of water."

**Before Christ died on the cross, the Exodus story along with the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea on dry land was THE historical event of God saving His people.**

- This is the event that is referred to time and time in scripture to remind them of God's power and care for His people.

**But I want to be clear this morning. Everything about the Exodus story is meant to point you to Jesus so that you can have your own Exodus experience.**

- In Luke 9 the transfiguration is recorded and I want to show you something.  
*<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, (EXODUS) which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.*
- Jesus is talking to Moses who led the Old Testament Exodus and talking to him about the Exodus that the Old Testament Exodus points to. That Exodus is Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.
- Just like God defeated Satan through Pharaoh in the Red Sea, Jesus will defeat Satan making him powerless through His work on the cross.
- Just like the God opened a way in the Red Sea for the Israelites to pass and escape their bondage to the Egyptians, Jesus opens a way for us on the Cross to be freed from our sins.
- Just as the Jews were trapped between their enemy and the deep blue sea with no way out, we are trapped in our sin with no way to save ourselves.
- You see, just as the Israelites had to make a decision and follow Moses to from one side of the Sea to the other, we have to make a decision to follow Jesus from the side of slavery to sin, lostness and condemnation to the side of salvation, where Jesus is trusted as our LORD and Savior.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-2** *For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.*

- By trusting and following Moses they were baptized into Moses. When we follow Jesus during our Exodus from sin we are baptized in Christ.
- **Many of us have followed Him through the Red Sea of His death and resurrection and found freedom on the other side.**
- So, this all points us to Jesus. Let's finish up our series together.  
*<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.*
- **The Israelites want to run, but it takes a lot of time for 2 million people to break camp and travel through the Red Sea. It took all night.**
- **When they saw the Egyptians coming, how much time did they have? Probably for a couple minutes. God protects His people until He provides a way of escape. God is not only our guide, but our protector.**
- **God gets between the Egyptian army and Israel.**
- It's the same time on both sides of the pillar of cloud, but its darkness on one side so the Egyptians can't see anything and its light on the other side so the Jews can travel all night.

**The pillar is a source of darkness to the Egyptians but a source of light to Israel. God's glory is light to some while being darkness for others. The cross is salvation to some and judgment to others.**

*<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.*

- **This isn't the first time we see God separating water from dry land.** We see it in the creation story. Genesis 1:9 *<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.* We also see God use the wind to dry the land after the flood.

**The story of the Exodus is a creation story. God is creating a great nation through which salvation will come to the world.**

*<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.*

- **Does anyone else think chasing the Israelites into the Red Sea after God put Himself between them all night is a bad idea? They why do they do it?**
- I could ask you the same thing. Why do people throw away 20 years of marriage for a one night stand? Why do people willingly give up years of their life for a bad habit? Why do we give into temptation when we know the results are bad? **Because Sin is Irrational. Hard hearts make us sin in ways that make no sense.**
- **Chasing the Israelites is stupid. Why would you send expensive chariots and troops into a muddy former sea where they can get stuck and destroyed?**

## **Hard hearts make us do stupid & irrational things.**

How do you avoid that? Stay close to God with a soft heart and avoid sin.

*<sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. The angel of God and the pillar are the same. This is the visible presence of God among them.*

*<sup>25</sup> He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Now they want to get away and stop pursuing, but its too late.*

*<sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” <sup>27</sup> Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. <sup>29</sup> But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.*

- **Not a single Israelites dies and not a single Egyptian soldier, including Pharoah survived that night.**
- **Listen closely because the World finds this incredibly offensive.** The world says God doesn’t discriminate between people. Everyone is the same. We should all get the same outcome. **Noone should be judged. We are all accepted.** That is clearly not the case here. The Egyptians are not accepted.
- **God clearly makes a distinction between those that belong to Him and those who do not.** God protects his people and judges those who are not.

**The world thinks God will just accept everyone into heaven, but scripture is clear that only those who belong to God through faith in Christ will be saved.**

- There is no middle ground in this story. There are not Egyptians that aren’t judged and killed and there are no Israelites who perish.
- **There is no middle ground for you and I either. You are either saved or you are not. If you are not saved, get saved by faith in Christ.** Talk to me. I’ll help you with your exodus.

*<sup>30</sup> That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. <sup>31</sup> And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.*

- **They were terrified of the Egyptians, but now that they’ve seen God’s power in salvation, they fear God instead.** Faith begins with a healthy fear of God.
- **There is a shift.** We no longer obey our sinful nature. We not longer obey the devil. Now we have a healthy fear of God and follow Him and obey Him.
- **Is your tyrant dead? Has the sin that enslaved you been defeated?**
- **They why do you submit to what God has killed?** Don’t bow down to the dead slave driver of your past.
- **Walk in victory, trusting in the God who did what was impossible. He made a way for you be free through His death and resurrection. Never turn back.**