

SERIES: Judges
Othniel & Ehud: Expect the Unexpected
Judges 3:7-31

Othniel: The Spirit-Filled Deliverer God's People Did Not Deserve (7:7-11)

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 - They forgot the Lord because they were spiritually indifferent.
 - Their sin angered the Lord because of their immorality.
 - The result: Sin led to **slavery**.

- The cry of God's people resulted in **salvation**.
 - This judge came from the tribe of **Judah**.
 - This judge came to save those who call on the Lord's name.
 - This judge came in the power of the **Spirit**.
 - This judge secured **peace** for God's people from their enemies.
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Ehud: The Left-Handed Deliverer God's People Did Not Expect (7:12-30)

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 - Ehud wielded a two-edged sword kept hidden on his right thigh. (16)

- God gives glimpses of a **greater** hero.
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 - Ehud's call to God's people was "**Follow** me." (28)
 - Ehud's victory was complete: No one escaped his judgment. (29)
 - Ehud brought about **rest** for God's people. (30)

Jesus: The True Deliverer All People Desperately Need

- In spite of our sin, God sent a Savior we did not deserve...
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 - A prophet who preached the gospel in the power of the Spirit.
 - A suffering **servant** whose sacrifice secured our peace with God.
 - A conquering **king** who defeated death through his resurrection.

- Because of God's grace, we must trust in this Savior we could never expect...
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 - He was an outsider born in a manger who came not in strength, but in **weakness**.
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