

Attacked by mob: how to save life?

- Gun?
- Sword?
- Run?
- Jawbone?

“The gospel is like the jawbone of a donkey”

Judges 15

“Jawbone” – eight times,
Jg.15:14-19 –

- 1) Four times: **Lehi**, [9] 14,17,19
- 2) Four times: **Jawbone**, 15,16,17

The Jawbone And The Gospel

This does not mean that a jawbone is like the gospel in every respect

- He used it only once? Ac.2, 3, 4, 5...
- After using it, he discarded it; not worth keeping. 1 Pt.1:25
- Jawbone took life; gospel gives it. 2 Tim.1:10
- Jawbone enhanced reputation of Samson. Ro.1:16
- Jawbone is mostly worthless. Rv.14:6

I. Strange Weapon

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- Shamgar, Judges 3:31 . . . ox-goad
- Jael, Judges 4:21 . . . tent peg
- Gideon, Judges 7:16 . . . lamps
- Woman, Judges 9:53 . . . stone
 - 1 Cor.1:27-28, world thinks gospel is worthless, useless, and nothing at all...

Results show power of God

- Joshua 23:10, *one will chase a thousand*
- 1 Samuel 14:6, *LORD saved by many or few*
- 1 Samuel 17:49-51, *killed Goliath with his own sword...*

Mt.5-7

Lord's teaching was different –
not as scribes

- In substance, Mt.4:15-16
- In style, Mt.7:28-29

I. Strange Weapon

II. Single Weapon

Amazing – what Samson did with one jawbone

- There is only one gospel
 - Mt.4:23
 - Gal.1:6-9...11-12...23
 - 2 Cor.4:3
 - NT does not tolerate pluralism
 - NT does not tolerate postmodernism

I. Strange Weapon

II. Single Weapon

III. Suggestive Weapon

The jawbone suggests that...

1. A donkey had died.
 - Jesus died for our sins. 1 Co.15:1-3
2. Samson could not find a traditional weapon.
 - 2 Cor.11:4
3. If he had used a sword, it may have received the credit, not God.
 - 2 Cor.4:6
 - Ac.4:13

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IV. Simple Weapon

Soldiers study use of weapons...

- Did Samson study techniques of “jawbone warfare”?
- “But what about 2 Peter 3:16?”
 - Hard to understand.
 - Some difficulties become clear with *time* and *study*. Ep.3:3-4. Ja.3:1-2.
 - Ac.15:7

I. Strange Weapon

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IV. Simple Weapon

V. Silly Weapon

An ax “to eat soup with”??

- Jawbone: not designed for war. Foolish.
- Ro.1:16 –
 - Jesus’ death, burial, resurrection, ascension... John 20
 - Plan of salvation: duplicate His death, burial, resurrection...
 - Church
 - Worship

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- Ro.1:16.
- 1 Cor.1:18, 21-25.
 - “Many places in world have no water, therefore cannot baptize...” [Mk.16]
 1. Where there is life, there is water.
 2. Doesn't change command of God.
 3. Some places have no Bibles.

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VI. Sufficient Weapon

Jawbone defeated enemies of God . . .

- Eph.6:17
 - Gospel: our one offensive weapon.
 - Mt.24:35
 - Mt.9:35-38
 - Ac.2 . . . 6 . . . 8
- Even without spiritual gifts, we have everything they had – Eph.3:3-4
 - 1 Pt.1:25
- Col.1:23, good news conquered enemies

So what?

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world – 1 Peter 5

- A donkey died...
- Jesus died...