

## Anointing

What's your birth order (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, other)? What difference does it make?

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-23.

1. Why did Samuel continue to mourn for Saul (vs 1)?
  - A. He had invested so much in Saul.
  - B. God had picked Saul to be Israel's king.
  - C. Samuel had warned the Israelites about the results of having a king.
  - D. Saul had turned bad and the Israelites couldn't get rid of him.
  - E. God hadn't revealed a better way (yet).
  - F. Samuel reflected long and hard about this.
  - G. Both Samuel and Saul were indecisive.
  - H. Saul was taking all of Israel into his downward spiral.
  - I. Other.
  
2. What made anointing a son of Jesse a delicate matter?
  - A. King Saul would kill Samuel and the anointed one for treason.
  - B. Finding a way to anoint a new king and keep it a secret.
  - C. Samuel didn't know which one of Jesse's sons to anoint.
  - D. Social media of the day would spread the word quickly.
  - E. The obvious rift between King Saul and Samuel (1 Sam. 15).
  - F. The city elders feared they'd have to choose: Saul or Samuel.
  - G. Samuel killed King Agag (1 Sam. 15); would he kill in Bethlehem?
  - H. The city elders feared Samuel would give a message of judgment.
  - I. Other.
  
3. Why did Samuel have a hard time choosing the right person to anoint?
  - A. It wasn't hard for Samuel.
  - B. God had revealed it was a son of Jesse, but not which one.
  - C. The first-born looked the part.
  - D. First impressions make a big impression at first.
  - E. David wasn't even in the lineup—too young to be considered.
  - F. It made this secret errand more of a spectacle.
  - G. Samuel's connection with God was a bit weak at the time.
  - H. God wanted all of David's older brothers to see David get anointed.
  - I. Other.

4. Why do humans look on the outside while God looks on the inside?
  - A. Humans can't help it.
  - B. God can't help it.
  - C. What's on the outside matters.
  - D. What's on the inside matters.
  - E. Humans need supernatural insight to discern the heart.
  - F. Humans need more time to get past first impressions.
  - G. I don't judge people by what they look like.
  - H. I don't judge people by what they are like inside.
  - I. Other.
  
5. What happened when Samuel anointed David?
  - A. David started doing supernatural things.
  - B. David took the throne of Israel, replacing King Saul.
  - C. Nothing; it was just a symbol.
  - D. David went back to taking care of sheep.
  - E. Supernatural power started to flow through David.
  - F. David started writing songs/Psalms.
  - G. His brothers got jealous—like Joseph's brothers got jealous of him.
  - H. Other.
  
6. What was David's relationship with King Saul?
  - A. They became good buddies.
  - B. They became rivals.
  - C. Saul started to mentor David.
  - D. David got hired as Saul's music therapist.
  - E. David became Saul's bodyguard.
  - F. King Saul recruited David because he was fond of him.
  - G. David worked for King Saul and also took care of Jesse's flocks.
  - H. Other.
  
7. When are you able to discern what people are like on the inside?
  
  
8. Are you anointed?