**Joshua (Setting up stones)**

**and**

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

**Introduction**

I think the whole OT is fulfilled in Jesus (Mt 5:17). I think everything looks forward to the Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection (Lk 24:25-27, 44-46; 1 Cor 15:3-4).

How do these stones look forward to the Resurrection of Jesus?

**Genesis and 1 Samuel**

* Jacob and Laban set up a stone to establish a covenant with each other and reconcile (Gen 31:45-55).
* The stone was rolled away to bring a new covenant (Lk 22:20) and reconcile man to God and man to man (1 Jn 4:7-11).
* Samuel sets up Ebenezer to remind Israel of their dependence on God (1 Sam 7:12).
* The stone was rolled away to remind us we are dependent on God for everything (Acts 17:25, 28; in context not Paul's message of the resurrection in 17:18, 31-32) including salvation (Acts 4:12).

**Joshua and Stones**

* Stones are set up to remember that the living God dwells among Israel (Josh 3:10)
* The stone is rolled away because Jesus was dead and is alive evermore (Rev 1:18)
* The stones were set up to teach children (4:6, 22-24)
* The stone is rolled away and we are instructed to take the message to the world (Mt 28:18-20; Lk 24:44-48; Acts 1:8)
* Israel sets up stones to remember God's gracious acts on their behalf (Josh 4:1-9, 19-20), what sin cost (Josh 7:26), and victory over their enemies (Josh 8:29; 10:25-27).
* The stone was rolled away so we could remember God's amazing grace on our behalf (Rom 6), what sin cost (Isa 52:13-53:12; 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Pet 1:18-19), giving us victory over sin, death, and the devil (Jn 8:34-36; 1 Cor 15; Rev 12:9-11).
* Stones remind that the wrath of God was dealt with and removed from Israel (7:26)
* Stone is rolled away to remind the wrath of God has been removed from us (Rom 5:8-9; 1 Jn 4:10; Isa 53:4-6)
* Hanged in tree (8:29; 10:26), outside city gate (8:29), buried in cave (10:27), stones (8:29; 10:27); put under feet (10:24)
* Hanged in tree (Acts 5:30; 10:39; 13:29; Gal 3:13), suffered outside city (Jn 19:20; Heb 13:12-13), stone rolled away (Mt 28:2); put under feet (1 Cor 15:25-26).
* Joshua set up a stone as a covenant and witness against Israel (Josh 24:25-28).
* The stone was rolled away so Jesus could be the faithful witness (Rev 1:5) and the one who intercedes on our behalf (Heb 4:14-16; 7:23-25)

**Lord’s Supper as a remembrance of our commitment to the Lord**

a) Weekly reminder of promise to serve God and not deny Him

b) Service to God is not easy

c) Jealous God (not going to put up with spilt loyalty)

d) Remove idols; incline heart

e) Make this day an important memory

f) Choice must be today