

- iv. Now the day before this happened, the Lord spoke to Samuel and said, "Tomorrow, a man from Benjamin is going to come and I want you to anoint him to be the leader or king of Israel."
- v. As Saul and his servant are approaching Samuel, the Lord speaks to Samuel and says, "See that guy there. He is the one I was telling you about yesterday."
- vi. Then they get there and ask about the donkey.
- vii. Samuel says, "The donkey has been found. Don't worry about it. You are to spend the night with me."
- viii. They get up the next day and Samuel sends them on their way.
- ix. Samuel says, "Saul, send your servant on ahead. I've got a message from the Lord for you."
- x. And when the servant goes ahead, Samuel proceeds to anoint Saul to be the first king.
- xi. After this, he says, "There are going to be three signs that you are going to be king:
 - a. Sign number one is that when you leave here and get near Rachel's tomb, two men are going to meet you and tell you ~~rather~~ ^{that} your donkey has been found.
 - b. Sign number two is that when you go out a little farther you are going to see three men. One of them is going to have three loaves of bread. He is going to give you two of them and you are to accept them.
 - c. Sign number three is that when you get back to Gibeah, there is going to be a procession of the prophets. They are going to be prophesying. Though you have never prophesied a lick in your life, you are to join those prophets and you will prophesy."

24. After this happens, Samuel gathers all the people together at Mizpeh.

- i. He says, "Now you wanted a king. The Lord is going to identify the one who is to be king."
- ii. Now there was a process that took place in which the Lord identified the one.
- iii. The one who was identified was Saul, but when he was identified, he was hiding among the baggage.
- iv. They brought him out and proclaimed him king.
- v. There were some people who were unhappy who said, "How can he deliver us from the Philistines."
 - a. The Lord took care of that objection and made sure that all Israel would be in back of Saul.
 - b. The Ammonites attacked the people of Jabesh Gilead.