

God's Word will be Fulfilled

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2 Samuel 16:15-23

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A Royal Mess

- Absalom has staged a coup, David is fleeing Jerusalem
- Ahithophel has betrayed David {Judas betrayed Jesus}
- David is still God's anointed king, David is still praying^{15:31}
- A Series of 3 events... all part of God's plan to fulfill His Word
- David is deceived by Ziba; Shimei curses David

David is STILL God's anointed king^{John 5:22-24}

- David seems to understand God's Gracious character^{16:12}
- Let us like David live in faith in our God^{Gal 3:11-13}

Absalom Enters Jerusalem

- Like a movie flashback – while David... Absalom enters Jerusalem¹⁵

Hushai Supports; Ahithophel Betrays

- Hushai goes immediately to Absalom when he returns
- Carefully speaks to gain his favor¹⁸⁻¹⁹. Truth w/ Absalom making assumptions
- Hushai is a friend of David but not a symmetrical friendship
- David is king; Hushai is advisor
- Jesus calls us friends^{John 15:12-15} but we are to call Him King!
- We are completely dependent upon His grace and mercy, not our goodness

Ahithophel the Betrayer of God's Anointed

- Absalom asks Ahithophel for advice²⁰
- Contrast David *"inquired of the Lord"*^{1Samuel 23:2,30; 8:2; 2Samuel 1:5; 19,23}
- Lesson – to whom do you go for counsel? Always go to God's Word
- Evil advice - violation of law, but normal worldly practice to show power

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- *counsel Ahithophel gave was as if one consulted the word of God*²³
- God used Ahithophel for his purposes - this is a mystery...
- Evil never thwarts God's good and sovereign purpose. God always in control
- Always look at things in light of God's Holy and Perfect Word!
- Ahithophel foreshadows Judas – both betrayers
- But God used Judas for His sovereign purposes
- Consider: *on the night he was **betrayed***^{1Cor 11:23} same word as *He who did not spare His own Son, but **gave Him up** for us all*^{Rom 8:32}
- While Judas wickedly betrayed, God handed His Son over for us!
- Oh the mystery of God's Wonderful Sovereignty
- Remember in your life, evil and wickedness can never overcome God's good purposes for you... rest in Jesus!