

Every Day with Jesus  
Only Christ Can Save  
Judges 20:1 – 21:25

Our world is filled with conflict. Human nature is such that one misunderstanding, one bad choice, or one heinous act can escalate into violence of epic proportions. It can create heartache, feuds, and wars that span generations to the point where people forget how the fight started.

1. Only Christ can turn vindictiveness into forgiveness.
2. Only Christ can turn foolishness into wisdom.
3. Only Christ can remove sin and impute righteousness.

The book of Judges validates from an historical perspective the biblical truth that given our sinful, broken nature we cannot do good and we will not seek the Lord (Ps 14:1-3, Rom 3:9-20). God's redemptive plan intentionally shows us that there is no permanent deliverance through earthly kings so that we will look for our deliverance from the heavenly king—King Jesus.

#### Reflection

What are some of the things in this world that rob you of your affections for Christ? What do you get worked up about and lose sleep over? What can you begin to do to change your course so that you can regain the joy of salvation? Sometimes as in Judges, it is sin that steals that joy. If that is the case, take time to confess and repent and bask in the glory of Christ's forgiveness. Sometimes, it is actions of others or the condition of society that gets you down. What would it look like for you to stop worrying and trust Jesus in those things? How does the community of believers help cultivate an assurance of salvation that allows us to rest in the promises of God even in a world that is spinning out of control? Take some time to meditate on Psalm 96 and consider the fact that our sovereign God reigns.