

**Week 26**  
**Elisha**  
2 Kings 2-7

Queen Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah, after he called down fire from God against the prophets of Baal, slaughtered them, and prayed to God and ended the three year drought,. Elijah fled in fear and fell into a deep depression. He was fed and comforted by an angel and then walked forty days to Mount Sinai. Elijah complained to the Lord that he was the only faithful prophet left. God told Elijah that there were 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal. He told him to go home, anoint Hazael king of Aram, anoint Jehu king of Israel, and to anoint Elisha to succeed him as prophet.

Elijah found Elisha, put his cloak around him, and Elisha left his oxen and ran after him. Elisha left his former life and became Elijah's servant in his new life. His life reveals as a servant reveals his humility, his love for the people of Israel and his faithfulness in a lifelong ministry, a ministry that miraculously continued even after his death.

2 Kings 13:20 very simply, "Elisha died and was buried." But 13:21 says, "Some Israelites were burying a man and suddenly they saw a band of raiders, so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet."

A dead man walks out of a tomb with new life.

Isn't that an amazing preview of things yet to come? We know what they did not know.

The Gospels tell us very clearly "Jesus died—and rose again on the third day."

And so we can say, "I will someday know my final rising, the resurrection, because Jesus Christ lay down in death for me, and rose for my justification." John Calvin

## ***The Outline: Elisha***

### ***2 Kings 2 Elisha After Elijah***

- 2:1-13 Elijah taken to heaven
- 2:14-25 Elisha succeeds Elijah
  - 14-18 The Jericho River is parted
  - 19-22 Healing the spring
  - 23-24 Death to the mockers

### ***2 Kings 3 Jehoram Battles Moab [Covered in #25]***

- 3:1-3 Jehoram's wicked character
- 3:4-9 Moab rebels and Jehoram joins with Jehoshaphat
- 3:10-19 Elisha called to prophesy
- 3:20-27 The Lord defeats Moab

### ***2 Kings 4 Four Miracles of Elisha***

- 4:1-7 Elisha provides the widow's oil
- 4:8-17 Elisha promises the Shunammite woman a son
- 4:18-37 Elisha raises the Shunammite woman's son
- 4:38-41 Elisha heals the poisonous stew
- 4:42-44 Elisha multiplies the loaves

### ***2 Kings 5 Naaman the Syrian***

- 5:1-14 Elisha heals Naaman's leprosy
- 5:15-27 Gehazi's greed and Elisha's punishment

### ***2 Kings 6-8:6 Miracles Small and Great***

- 6:1-7 Elisha makes an axe head float
- 6:8-17 Elisha and the chariots of fire
- 6:18-23 Elisha calls the Lord to blind the Syrian army
- 6:24-30 Benhadad sieges Samaria to starvation
- 6:31-33 Joram wants to kill Elisha
- 7:1-3 Elisha promises to end the famine
- 7:4-7 The Syrians flee in fear
- 7:8-9 The lepers find the food
- 7:10-15 Joram investigates
- 7:16-20 Elisha's promise is fulfilled
- 8:1-6 Restoring the rich Shunammite woman's land