

SERMON TITLE: Bread, Stick, Stone

TEXT: HEBREWS 9:1-4

INTRODUCTION.

The ark of the covenant was at the center of the nation Israel. It symbolized God's presence and power. The ark contained three items calling God's people to remember a significant event in their salvation story. What meaning does this collection of ancient relics have for those who follow Christ today?

DISCUSSION.

Do you keep any items that symbolize or remind you of something important in your life?

EXAMINATION.

Vv.1-3 The Tabernacle Tent was divided into two sections. What were they called?

- What items were in the first section?
- How were the sections separated?

V.4 The second section contained the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant. What is the only detail here about the ark's outer appearance?

- The ark contained three items. Give a brief synopsis of each:
 - Jar of Manna
 - Aaron's Staff that Budded
 - Stone Tablets

APPLICATION.

- Manna - In what ways are you reminded to daily depend on God?
- Staff - How are you careful to approach God on his terms?
- Tablets - How are you encouraged to live in obedience to God?

- In what way is Jesus the fulfillment of all these things?
- How can you make Jesus the center of your life?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?