

NOT ANOTHER HERO




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Christian Church
A Passion for God and Compassion for People
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**Would You
Know?**

SAMSON

**A Pitiful Ending
(Judges 16:22-31)**

Recap

**When we left Samson
he had been shaved**

Blinded

Imprisoned

And forced into slavery

**But the hair on his head began to
grow again after it had been shaved.**

Not the Source

Please remember the hair on Samson's head was not the source of his strength

It was God

God had set Samson apart for a mission

**He gave him the strength
to accomplish that mission**

**When Samson chose his own way
and not God's way, God left**

**However, just as
Samson's hair
could regrow,
his relationship
with God could
be restored**

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**Becoming a
Mockery
(v. 23-25)**

Becoming a Mockery

**We don't exactly know how
much time had passed**

They were celebrating a victory

They were praising their god

**They brought out the mighty Samson
their ultimate victory to "perform"**

**They were not only mocking Samson
they were mocking Jehovah**

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The End
(v. 26-30)

The End

We want to paint his ending as he got it but really take a closer listen

He asked to be put next to the load baring columns -- he was planning

He prayed --- maybe that is a small glimmer of hope for this is the first time we have recorded Samson did anything spiritual

His Prayer

“Sovereign Lord, remember me”

Humility that's a good start

**“Please, God, strengthen
me just once more,”**

**Better he is acknowledging
God as his source**

**“Let me with one blow get revenge
on the Philistines for my two eyes.”**

“Let me die with the Philistines!”

God Grants His Request

Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

**What a
Waste!**

R.I.P.

Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years.

v. 31



**We Don't
Need
Another
Hero!**

We need messengers