

# Serpent Slayer: Jael's Story

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. In delving into the details of Jael's story, which point most resonates with you? Is there a part of her story that was new to you?

2. Jael demonstrates her loyalty to Israel's God while she is dwelling with a traitorous group. Have you ever misjudged someone based on the company they were keeping?

3. We see a blessing we so commonly attribute only to Mary was actually first given to Jael. How does this blessing change that what you may have previous thought about Jael?

*4. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (Gen 3:15)*

In slaying Sisera we see Jael quite literally struck a fatal head-wound to the Principal Enemy of God's people, after he had bruised them, her actions placing her as a forerunner to the Messiah. What other forerunner's does this bring you to? What can this teach us about Jesus that Jael was his forerunner?

5. The Author unpacks the choreography depicted in Deborah's Song and the theme of birth and resurrection. What is the significance of this central gospel feature of resurrection being shared with a women?

6. The Author draws deep connections and comparisons between Jael and David. What stood out to you the most?

7. Jael acted boldly seemingly in an instant and demonstrated her faith. Have there been times in your life that have called for decisive and faithful action? Were you able to take action?

8. How can Jael's example inspire you to be prepared to be bold in actions of faith? What can you do today?