

The Rock was Christ

Exodus 17:1-7, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

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Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Table Discussion Questions:

1. Does having faith in Jesus mean that we can never have any doubt?
2. What is the difference between doubt and unbelief? Have you ever experienced doubt? Have you ever experienced unbelief?
3. Have you ever questioned God because of your circumstances? What is the difference between questioning God through lament and putting God on trial?
4. How did God respond to Israel's unbelief? How has He responded to our unbelief?
5. How does the name "Immanuel" answer Israel's question, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
6. Why does the Apostle Paul say that Jesus Christ was the rock in Exodus 17:6? What does this mean for us today?