

HE WAS GOD'S FRIEND

*A Study of the Life and
Ministry of Moses*

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The New Testament is filled with references to “Moses and the Prophets”. Jesus quoted Deuteronomy, written by Moses, more than any other book of the Bible. No one was there when God created the universe, but God inspired Moses to write his account. Moses served as prophet, priest, and political leader, just as Jesus is our prophet, priest and king. No one ever knew where Moses’ grave was located...because God buried Moses himself.

Of all the people in the Bible, Moses is special. His life, his experiences, his ministry—the things God did through him; all of it was exceptional. But of all the things that made Moses special, perhaps the greatest was this, “The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend” (Exodus 33:11).

As we study the life and ministry of Moses this summer we will see his dedication to the LORD, his faith, his love for God’s people, and also his faults—and there especially we will see the undeserved love of God.

#6 THE GOLDEN CALF

EXODUS 32:1-35

1. Why does it matter that Moses was still up on the mountain? (vs 1)
2. What usually happens when a pastor leaves a church? What should happen?
3. What difference does it make that Aaron “fashion[ed] it with a tool”?
4. This isn’t a festival to the LORD! What is Aaron doing? (vs 5)
5. What religious, cultural, or philosophical ideas might we try to combine with the LORD?
6. Why do people get up early on Christmas? (see verse 6) What does this teach us about sin?

7. What are the most jarring words in verse 7?
Why does God use them?
8. Compare verses 7-10 to your answers to questions 1 and 4. Why did the “festival” happen?
9. Read 11-14. What reasons did Moses give for sparing the people? What reasons did he not give?
10. What do you think? Why did Moses break the tablets? Why did he make golden calf kool-aid?
11. Compare Aaron’s words to Moses in verses 22-24 with Moses’ words to God in 11-13.
12. Agree or Disagree: Moses went too far in punishing the Israelites.
13. The Levites lived the attitude God + ...what?
14. Agree or Disagree: God could have killed off the Israelites and made Moses into a great nation.
(vs 10)
15. Think about question 14 one more time. Is there anything you would want to add to God?