

God's Plan Series: The Fall of Jericho
"Shout! For the LORD has given you the victory through Jesus!"
Joshua 6:1-20

1. Tom Cruise in *Jerry Maguire*: "You complete me." The Joker to Batman in *The Dark Knight*: "You complete me." What do we mean when we say we want completeness? What does our desire for completeness indicate about our current situation?
2. Read Philippians 1:3-6 and John 19:28-30. What does St. Paul mean by completeness in Philippians 1:3-6?
3. Of all the numbers that carry symbolic meaning in Scripture, seven is the most important, and it is used to signify completeness and totality. Read Genesis 2:2 and Exodus 20:11. Based on these texts, why would we associate seven with completeness?
4. As we read through Joshua 6:1-20, note the number of times the number seven appears in our text. Remembering that an author's use of repetition is important whenever we read Scripture (or anything really!), what kind of completeness is the text emphasizing, and why is this completeness important?
5. Read Leviticus 16:14 and 18-19. What does seven indicate in these verses?
6. Read Zechariah 4:10. How does seven indicate completeness in this verse?
7. Read Revelation 5:6. What kind of completeness is indicated in this verse?
8. Read Revelation 12:3. What kind of completeness is indicated in this verse?
9. Read Hebrews 1. How many Old Testament references are there? What claim is the author of the Hebrews making? What does this use of seven say about the claim?
10. If seven represents completeness, seventy-seven represents unrestricted and unsurpassable fullness. Read Matthew 18:21-22.
11. Read Acts 7:8 and Luke 1:59. When we use a seven day week cycle, what does the eighth day mean?

From Augustine: "[Christ] suffered voluntarily, and so could choose His own time for suffering and for resurrection, He brought it about that His body rested from all its works on Sabbath in the tomb, and that His resurrection on the third day, which we call the Lord's day, the day after the Sabbath, and therefore the eighth, proved the circumcision of the eighth day to be also prophetic of Him. For what does circumcision mean, but the eradication of the mortality which comes from our carnal generation? So the apostle says: "Putting off from Himself His flesh, He made a show of principalities and powers, triumphing over them in Himself."

12. Read 1 Corinthians 15:19-24. What does this say about our worshipping on Sundays?