

**Series:** Exodus

**Sermon:** A Rescue Story For The Ages

**Scripture:** Exodus 14 (ESV)

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Exodus is a story of redemption.

The story of the Exodus is the story of the Bible.

The story of the Exodus is encapsulated in the account of the crossing of the Red Sea.

There is a progression evident in chapters 13-15 that we see repeated in significant ways throughout the rest of the pages of the Bible ...

1. The Exodus of Israel
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3. The Second Coming of Christ
  - Preparation - The Church Age
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  - Celebration/New Life - The New Heavens and Earth

### **Exodus 14:10-14**

<sup>10</sup> *When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD.*

<sup>11</sup> *They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?"*

<sup>12</sup> *Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."*

<sup>13</sup> *And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.*

<sup>14</sup> *The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*

The Lord brings us to the end of ourselves, shows us that we can't save ourselves, and then fights a salvation fight for us.

**Exodus 14:26-31**

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen."

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea.

28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.

29 But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Lord accomplishes the unthinkable to redeem the unredeemable that they might fear His name and give Him glory.