

## Lessons from Torah 104 –

### Deuteronomy 34 – Who is your Hero?

1. Deuteronomy – and the Torah itself – ends by telling us that “there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel who was like Moses”
2. He is a hero in Israel
  - a. Abraham is their Father and Priest
  - b. David is their King
  - c. Moses is their Prophet and Lawgiver
3. His qualifications as a Hero (34:10-12)
  - a. 120 years old – (Psalm 90:10, written by Moses, speaks of a lifespan as being 70-80)
  - b. His physical health was still good
  - c. God knew him face to face
  - d. He did signs and wonders in Egypt
  - e. He showed mighty power before the people
  - f. He did great deeds of terror
  - g. He endured rejection and criticism (Mt 5:12)
4. John 9:29 - Future generations revered him as a hero, one of three:
  - a. Abraham - Father and Priest
  - b. David - King
  - c. Moses - Prophet and Lawgiver
5. But Moses wrote of a greater prophet to come
  - a. John 1:21 – Was it John the Baptist?
  - b. John 1:45 – “It’s Jesus!”
6. Jesus is not merely **another** hero – rather, he **replaces** all other heroes
7. Why is Jesus a greater prophet than even Moses?
  - a. Moses left the majesty of the palace to identify with his people. So did Jesus.
    - b. Moses did great wonders before Pharaoh. Jesus performed miracles before the people.
    - c. Moses led the people through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom. Jesus leads us through the waters of baptism and makes a new people of us.
    - d. Moses gave them bread from heaven. Jesus IS the Bread of Heaven.
    - e. Moses gave the people water from the rock. Jesus WAS that rock, and IS Living Water.
    - f. Moses was their Lawgiver and Teacher. Jesus is the new Lawgiver and Teacher.
    - g. Moses knew God face to face. Jesus is God. To see Jesus is to see the Father.
    - h. Moses served the people all his life. Jesus gave his life for us, his people.
8. So “what are we to **do** with Jesus?”
  - a. Recognize who is he, that he is worthy of the highest honor
  - b. Consider his Character – the sinless Son of God – the only truly Perfect Man
  - c. Consider his Accomplishments
    - i. He was fully obedient to the Father
    - ii. He paid the debt we owed
    - iii. He faced the wrath of God in our place
    - iv. He conquered Satan
    - v. He gives us life
  - d. Emulate his mindset - Philippians 2:5 - and life - 1 Corinthians 1:11; Hebrews 3:1, 12:3; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6)