

Series: A New Heart: The Book of Ezekiel
Message: Call and Commission | Ch. 1:2-7
Prepare for Next Week: Read Ch. 2:8-3:28



Sermon Big Idea	Helpful Resources
When God breaks into your darkest moment, he not only comforts you, but he commissions you.	The Bible Project Guide: Ezekiel 

Head: Grasping the Text
<i>Goal: To grasp the theological concepts and historical context of the text.</i>

1. Ezekiel was a priest-in-training, exiled at age 25 — five years before he could begin his priestly service (Numbers 4:3; 8:24). Priests were trained to encounter God in one place: the temple in Jerusalem. Why is it so significant that God appeared to Ezekiel beside a canal in Babylon instead? What assumption about God does that shatter — and why does it matter for the rest of the book?
2. The four living creatures each had four faces: human, lion, ox, and eagle (Ezekiel 1:10). The sermon describes these as representing "the totality of created order." Look at each face — what domain of life does it represent, and what does their combined presence around God's throne communicate about His sovereignty? (See also Revelation 4:6–8 — these same creatures appear around the heavenly throne centuries later. What does that connection tell you?)
3. The wheels-within-wheels covered with eyes are described as God's "omni-directional" presence. Read Ezekiel 1:15–21 alongside 2 Chronicles 16:9, Psalm 139:7–10, and Proverbs 15:3. What comfort was this vision designed to bring to exiles who may have feared God had been caught off guard by Babylon's invasion?
4. In Ezekiel 2:3–7, God gives Ezekiel an honest job description: the people are rebellious, stubborn, hard-hearted — and probably won't listen. Yet God still sends him. What does this tell us about faithful proclamation, and how does it connect to Jesus being sent to a "rebellious house" that ultimately crucified Him?

Heart: Assessing Your Internal Transformation

Goal: Examine how the text reshapes our identity, affections, and motivations to bring about honest self-examination.

5. Ezekiel had his entire priestly vocation — everything he had trained for since childhood — suspended by exile. Have you ever experienced a moment when something you had worked toward or deeply counted on was taken from you? How did that loss affect your sense of identity or purpose?
6. What does it mean for you personally that God sees your hardest season — not just to observe it, but to be fully present with you in it? How does that bring comfort even when the season itself doesn't change?
7. Ezekiel fell face down when he saw the glory of God (1:28). When was the last time your awareness of who God is actually changed your posture — physically, emotionally, or spiritually? What tends to shrink your sense of God's holiness and awareness of his glory in your daily life?

Hands: Taking Your Next Step

Goal: To move from hearing the Word to living it out as a disciple with specific, practical, and achievable steps for the coming week.

8. The final application warned: "Be careful of wanting the vision without the commission." Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (John 20:21). What is one specific step of obedience you have been avoiding — in your family, workplace, or neighborhood — that God may be calling you toward this week?
9. Ezekiel's vision was not the destination — it was preparation for a long, difficult ministry with very little visible fruit. What one spiritual practice or community commitment will you begin or renew this week so that your encounter with God continues to fuel faithfulness in your calling as a disciple, even when results are hard to see?