

## **'You shall speak my words' Ezekiel chapters 1-3**

**Today we start Ezekiel..**

**We meet Ezekiel. Ezk. 1:1-3**

Place

Time

Circumstance – the Exile experience, false hope and false despair

**The Lord is Determined His Word be Heard through His human messenger**

**The Vision the Lord gives Ezekiel 1:1-28**

The living creatures vv. 5-14

The wheels vv. 12-21

What is borne by this chariot, the throne over the heads of the living creatures vv. 22-28a

**What does the vision convey?**

The LORD is .....

**The Commission the LORD gives Ezekiel 2:1-3:15**

"I send you" .... 2:3, 4; 3:4

'You shall say ... "Thus says the LORD God" 2:4, 3:7, 3:27

3:1 eat ..... and speak

So we know we are being addressed by God

**The LORD is determined His Word be heard through His human messenger – so speaking that word requires both faithfulness and suffering.**

Faithfulness - "I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel" 3:16-21

Suffering 3:22-27

**Why is God determined that His human messenger be known to speak His word, and only His word?**

'and they shall know that I am the Lord." E.g. 7:4, 15:7, 32:15;16:62, 20:42-44, 37:27-28

**The LORD is determined His word be heard whether it is believed or not.**

2:7, 3:11, 3:27; 3:7

**The LORD is determined His word is heard as His word**

He has spoken His Word to us Heb. 1:1-2, 2 Cor. 1:20; Matt. 13:41-43, 49-50;

We should receive it and share it as the word of the living God. Isaiah 66:1-2, 1 Thess. 2:13