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STRANGE BUT TRUE STORIES IN THE BIBLE

THE BOYS AND THE BEARS | 2 KINGS 2:19-25

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The story of Elisha, the boys, and the bears is supposed to make us pause and ask: What!?

Three important things to discover...

Context

Elisha is God's chosen representative.

Jericho is a city with a bad history that still experiences mercy... God's mercy and grace are always available.

Bethel is a city of rebellion and opposition.

Details

The mockers are likely teenage boys, not elementary kids or younger.

The insult is more than just teasing.

The bears may not have killed the mockers.

Meaning

This moment is about establishing seriousness.

Elisha does not attack. He leaves the situation to the Lord.

We mock God through:

Minimizing

Rationalizing

Ignoring

Why don't we face she-bears? Matthew 27:38-44