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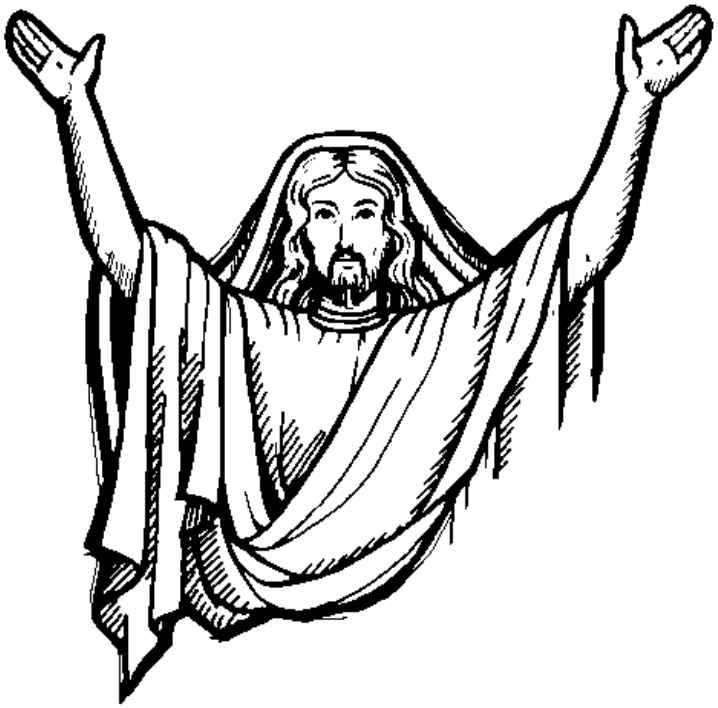

Storyteller

I had always felt life first as a story.
and if there is a story,
there is a storyteller.

Use this study as a tool to build intimacy with God.

You will get a day-to-day view of the last week of Jesus, almost like a journal. Try to imagine what it was like, and how you would have reacted if you were in these situations.

Jesus said in Matthew 22:37 that you should, "love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

- So take time to write down any feelings you have about God, yourself, or your relationship with Him in the "Feelings" section.

- Write down any new thoughts you have about the passage or how it relates to your life in the "Thoughts" section.

- Conclude by writing down any steps you need to take in response to those feelings and thoughts in the "Actions" section.

Spend time in prayer each day asking God to work in your heart and life as you remember the last week of Jesus.

Reading - Monday
Matthew 21:28-32

Observations:

- Jesus is comparing the actions of the people of Israel. On the one hand he points to the ungodly who have rejected God's law and chosen to live for themselves. They are the tax collectors and the harlots. On the other hand there are those who have obeyed their father and done what he started out by doing what he said. These are the Pharisees. Bu the tax collector and harlot who repent are seen as the truly obedient. And the Pharisee who rejects Christ is seen as the son who decides to disobey after all.

Meditation:

Jesus wants us to see that true obedience is not what we say we're going to do, it's what we end up doing that counts. Which son are you?

Feelings:

Thoughts:

Actions:

Reading - Tuesday
Matthew 21:33-46

Observations:

- Jesus makes an accusation against the Jewish leaders that they will kill him, which ends up making them want to kill him even more. But the point of this parable is not to enrage the Jewish leaders. It is a notice of the removal of their divine appointment as the dispensers of God's kingdom. God took the privilege of telling others about Him away from them and gave it to us.

Meditation:

Although we are given the privilege of being witnesses, we should not take this honor lightly. Jesus warns us "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." Once given, we cannot go unchanged by this gift. It will change us one way or another.

Feelings:

Thoughts:

Actions:

Reading – Wednesday:
Matthew 22:1-14

Observations:

- Jesus is again telling of the rejection of the nation of Israel because of their rejection of Him and of the transfer of the wedding invitation to the gentiles. But that doesn't mean that everyone will enter the wedding feast, or that everyone in our pews today will enter the kingdom of heaven

Meditation:

We cannot enter heaven without the proper clothing. We must have our sins washed away by putting our trust in the payment Christ made for them. When we do, His blood washes us white as snow

Feelings:

Thoughts

Actions:

Reading - Wednesday night/Thursday day:

Matthew 24:32-35

Observations:

- Jesus is referring to the prophecies talked about in verses 1-31 of Mathew 24. Much of the prophecy deals with the destruction of Jerusalem and has a primary fulfillment in that terrible event. But there are also many secondary fulfillments of those prophesies yet to come. We too should be watching, looking for the signs of His coming.

Meditation:

Would you be surprised if Jesus were to come back today? What signs can you see revealed in the world that might suggest Christ is returning soon?

Feelings:

Thoughts:

Actions:

Reading – Thursday night - Friday day

Matthew 25:1-13

Observations:

- The story of the ten virgins is a story about delay. The five wise virgins filled their lamps with oil so that they would be ready when the bridegroom came. The filling of oil represents the baptism of the Spirit that happens when we trust Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. The five foolish virgins chose to trust in their own supply of goodness to help them enter into the banquet of the bridegroom. But they found out too late that their own supply was not enough.

Meditation:

There are many people in the church today who have not made a personal commitment to trust Christ for their forgiveness. For one reason or another they have put off that most important decision. You have already been given one opportunity to trust Christ for forgiveness. If you haven't, don't delay, because Christ may return at any moment.

Feelings:

Thoughts:

Actions:

Reading – Friday night/ Saturday day – Sabbath day, Day 2 in the grave
Matthew 25:14-30

Observations:

- The giving of the talents brings to mind many of the gifts God has given us: time, abilities, money, skills, etc., all of which should be used for his glory. But the most significant thing, the thing I think Jesus is talking about here is the revelation God gives us of Himself. How do we use that? Do we wash ourselves with the word on a daily bases? Do we take time to let God's Spirit speak into our hearts?

Meditation:

We are faced with impossible amounts of information each and every day. And we choose what we will let into our heart, soul, mind, and spirit. Will we hear that "well done good and faithful servant?" when it comes to how we have chosen his word?

Feelings:

Thoughts:

Actions:

Sunday – Resurrection!

Mark 16:5 Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. [7]

Reading – Saturday night/ Sunday day: Matthew 13:38-42
First day of the week - Day 3 in the grave, Resurrection day