

22ND JAN - MATTHEW 15:18

'BUT THE THINGS THAT COME OUT OF A PERSON'S MOUTH COMES FROM THE HEART, AND THESE DEFILE THEM.'

TRUTH: THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM IS THE HUMAN HEART.

INVESTIGATE: WHEN YOU LAST GOT IN TROUBLE, DID YOU BLAME SOMEONE ELSE? WE OFTEN THINK OUR SIN IS BECAUSE OF OTHERS. "THEY MADE ME ANGRY"; "I WAS TIRED"; "THEY GET EVERYTHING I WANT".

BUT JESUS SAYS OUR PROBLEM COMES FROM INSIDE US. AND THAT'S WHAT HE CAME TO DEAL WITH.

23RD JANUARY - MATTHEW 16:15-16

'BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?' JESUS ASKED. 'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?' SIMON PETER ANSWERED, "YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

TRUTH: JESUS IS THE KING! (THAT IS WHAT 'MESSIAH' OR 'CHRIST' MEANS)

INVESTIGATE: WHO DO YOUR FRIENDS THINK JESUS IS? WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR JESUS TO BE THE KING?

24TH JANUARY - MATTHEW 16:21

FROM THAT TIME ON JESUS BEGAN TO EXPLAIN TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE MUST GO TO JERUSALEM AND SUFFER MANY THINGS... AND THAT HE MUST BE KILLED AND ON THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED TO LIFE.

TRUTH: JESUS' MISSION WAS TO DIE AND COME ALIVE AGAIN.

INVESTIGATE: WHY DID JESUS DIE? WHAT WAS THE HUMAN REASON (16:21)? WHAT WAS GOD'S REASON? (LOOK AT OUR 1ST INVESTIGATION FROM MATTHEW 1:21 AND WHAT THE NAME 'JESUS' MEANS)

25TH JANUARY - MATTHEW 17:5

WHILE PETER WAS STILL SPEAKING, A BRIGHT CLOUD COVERED THEM, AND A VOICE FROM THE CLOUD SAID, 'THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED. LISTEN TO HIM!'

TRUTH: JESUS IS GOD'S SON. THEREFORE WE SHOULD LISTEN TO HIM.

INVESTIGATE: WHERE HAVE YOU HEARD THESE WORDS BEFORE? (CLUE - MATTHEW 3:17) WHAT EXTRA THING DOES GOD THE FATHER ADD?

DIG DEEPER: WHAT KEY THING DO THE DISCIPLES NEED TO LISTEN TO IN MATTHEW 17:22-23?

26TH JANUARY - MATTHEW 18:3

AND JESUS SAID: 'TRULY I TELL YOU, UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.'

TRUTH: TO BE PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AMAZING OR GOOD. YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOU NEED YOUR FATHER, JUST LIKE A CHILD DOES.

INVESTIGATE: WHEN DID YOU LAST SHOUT FOR YOUR MUM OR DAD? WE CALL OUR MUM AND DAD WHEN WE NEED THEM. JESUS SAYS THAT'S HOW WE COME TO GOD - KNOWING WE DESPERATELY NEED HIM AND TRUST HIM.

27TH JANUARY - MATTHEW 19:30

'BUT MANY WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST, AND MANY WHO ARE LAST WILL BE FIRST.'

TRUTH: JESUS' KINGDOM LOOKS TOPSY TURVY. NORMALLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE #1 AND LOOK GREAT SEEM TO HAVE IT ALL. IN JESUS' KINGDOM THE ONES WHO ARE AT THE BOTTOM WILL GET IT ALL.

INVESTIGATE: WHO DO YOU LOOK UP TO AND ADMIRE? WILL THESE PEOPLE BE 'FIRST' IN GOD'S KINGDOM?

28TH JANUARY - MATTHEW 20:28

'...JUST AS THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE AND GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.'

TRUTH: JESUS GOES AHEAD OF US AS THE ONE WHO WAS 'LAST' - HE SERVED US BY GIVING HIS LIFE FOR US. HE IS NOW #1 - THE RISEN KING OF THE UNIVERSE!

INVESTIGATE: READ MATTHEW 20:18-19. WHAT DID JESUS SAY HE MUST DO? WHY MUST HE DO THIS? READ ON TO FIND OUT MORE!

