

29TH JANUARY - MATTHEW 21:42

JESUS SAID TO THEM, 'HAVE YOU NEVER READ IN THE SCRIPTURES:

"THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE: THE LORD HAS DONE THIS, AND IT IS MARVELLOUS IN OUR EYES"?

TRUTH: JESUS IS THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED BY PEOPLE. BUT HE IS THE CENTRE PIECE OF GOD'S KINGDOM.

INVESTIGATE: READ COLOSSIANS 1:15-20. PAUL SAYS 'IN JESUS ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER'. HOW DOES JESUS BRING TOGETHER A BROKEN WORLD? (SEE COL 1:20)

30TH JANUARY - MATTHEW 22:4

'THEN HE SENT SOME MORE SERVANTS AND SAID, "TELL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED THAT I HAVE PREPARED MY DINNER: MY OXEN AND FATTENED CATTLE HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED, AND EVERYTHING IS READY. COME TO THE WEDDING BANQUET."

TRUTH: GOD HAS SENT OUT THE INVITATION TO HIS GREAT WEDDING FEAST. BUT MANY SAY 'NO'.

INVESTIGATE: WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO HASN'T SAID 'YES' YET TO GOD'S INVITATION? WHY NOT PRAY FOR THEM NOW. HAVE YOU SAID 'YES'?

31ST JANUARY - MATTHEW 23:12

'FOR THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLD, AND THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED.'

TRUTH: WE FIND LOTS OF WAYS TO MAKE OURSELVES LOOK MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS. BUT GOD SAYS IN HIS KINGDOM ALL OF THAT WILL BE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN.

INVESTIGATE: THINK OF THE DIFFERENT TITLES ADULTS GET TO SOUND IMPORTANT. DR, SIR, REV. WHAT WAYS DO YOU TRY AND LOOK IMPORTANT? DO YOU BOAST? ASK GOD FOR FORGIVENESS AND HELP TO BE HUMBLE.

1ST FEBRUARY - MATTHEW 24:14

'AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD AS A TESTIMONY TO ALL NATIONS, AND THEN THE END WILL COME.'

TRUTH: MANY PEOPLE DON'T WANT THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS TO SPREAD. EVEN SOME PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY ARE CHRISTIANS. BUT NO ONE CAN STOP GOD'S PLAN.

INVESTIGATE: READ V9-13. LIST THE THINGS THAT JESUS SAYS PEOPLE WILL DO. IT IS A BATTLE AND DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW JESUS. BUT V14 IS GREAT NEWS. THE GOSPEL WILL BE PROCLAIMED.

2ND FEBRUARY - MATTHEW 25:13

'THEREFORE KEEP WATCH, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DAY OR THE HOUR.'

TRUTH: JESUS WILL RETURN. AND HE COULD RETURN AT ANY TIME. SO WE NEED TO BE READY.

INVESTIGATE: HOW WOULD YOU LIVE DIFFERENTLY IF YOU KNEW JESUS WOULD COME BACK AT THE END OF THE DAY? JESUS COULD. HOW SHOULD THAT CHANGE HOW WE LIVE?

3RD FEBRUARY - MATTHEW 26:39

GOING A LITTLE FARTHER, HE FELL WITH HIS FACE TO THE GROUND AND PRAYED, 'MY FATHER, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, MAY THIS CUP BE TAKEN FROM ME. YET NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS YOU WILL.'

TRUTH: WE FAIL BUT JESUS SUCCEEDS - FOR US. WE DISOBEY BUT JESUS OBEYS - FOR US.

INVESTIGATE: IF WE FOLLOW JESUS THEN WE MAY HAVE SAID SOMETHING LIKE THE DISCIPLES DO IN V33. BUT WE ARE ALSO LIKE THE DISCIPLES AND GO OUR OWN WAY. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT JESUS KNOWS THAT AND DIED TO RESCUE US.



4TH FEBRUARY - MATTHEW 27:46

ABOUT THREE IN THE AFTERNOON JESUS CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE, 'MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?'

TRUTH: WE DESERVE TO BE SEPARATED FROM GOD FOR ETERNITY. JESUS WAS SEPARATED FROM GOD THE FATHER INSTEAD OF US.

INVESTIGATE: HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SENT TO SIT ON YOUR OWN BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN NAUGHTY? HOW DID IT FEEL? JESUS AND GOD THE FATHER HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER. BUT ON THE CROSS JESUS CALLED TO HIS FATHER AND GOT NO ANSWER. HE WAS SUFFERING THE PUNISHMENT THAT WE DESERVE.

