



Household devotions...

Matthew 19-22

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Memory verse:

Then Jesus said, "Leave the children alone,
and don't try to keep them from coming to Me,
because the kingdom of heaven is made up of people
like this."

Matthew 19:14

Week 1: Matthew 19:13-30

Day 1

- Read Matthew 19:13-15.
- What is happening to the children?
- What does Jesus do—why?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 19:16-20.
- What does the young man ask?
- What does he reveal about his heart?
- What is Jesus' answer, and what does the young man say?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 19:21-22.
- What does Jesus challenge?
- What is the result?
- What does this say about lordship and materialism?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 19:23-26.
- What does Jesus say is 'hard'?
- Who can save people, any people?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 19:27-33.
- What does Peter say?
- What does Jesus reassure?
- How might this confront our contentment in the lordship of Jesus?

Week 2: Matthew 20:1-19

Day 1

- Read Matthew 20:1-16.
- What is the parable about? (vs.1)

Day 2

- Read Matthew 20:1-16.
- What is the issue in verses 10-12?
- What is the response?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 20:1-16.
- What is asserted in verse 15?
- What is the conclusion, in verse 16?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 20:17-19.
- What does Jesus describe?
- Why do you think this is placed here?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 20:1-19.
- What is revealed about Jesus' identity and authority?
- What is revealed about the appropriate response to him?

Week 3: Matthew 20:20-34

Day 1

- Read Matthew 20:20-22.
- What do the sons of Zebedee and their mother want?
- What is so discordant about their request?
- What do they say they can/will do?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 20:23-24.
- What does Jesus assert?
- What does this say about authority?
- What is the reaction of the other disciples?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 20:25-28.
- What is the lesson Jesus gives on power?
- Who is the role model?
- How has this already been described?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 20:29-34.
- Who cries out, what do they want, and what do they receive?
- How is this an example of what Jesus has just taught?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 20:20-34.
- Pray that we will understand power, community, and relationships, as Jesus describes.

Week 4: Matthew 21:1-17

Day 1

- Read Matthew 21:1-5.
- Where are we?
- What does Jesus instruct?
- Why?
- Read Isaiah 62 and Zechariah 9, and pray.

Day 2

- Read Matthew 21:6-11.
- What happens?
- What is sung? (What have we just seen about this 'Son of David'?)
- How do the two crowds interact?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 21:12-13.
- What does Jesus do? Why?
- Read Isaiah 56 and Jeremiah 7, and pray.

Day 4

- Read Matthew 21:14-17.
- What does Jesus receive?
- How is this received?
- What is Jesus' response?
- Read Psalm 8, and pray.

Day 5

- Read Matthew 21:1-17.
- What strikes you about Jesus and the Old Testament here?

Week 5: Matthew 21:18-27

Day 1

- Read Matthew 21:18-19.
- What does Jesus find, and do?
- What strikes you about this? Why do you think this is here?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 21:20-22.
- What is the reaction of the disciples?
- What is the answer from Jesus?
- What do you think this means? What do you think it cannot mean?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 21:23-25.
- Where is Jesus, and what is he asked?
- How does he respond? Why?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 21:25-27.
- What is the answer?
- What does Jesus decide?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 21:18-27.
- What do we learn about authority, and faith, in this passage?

Week 6: Matthew 21:28-46

Day 1

- Read Matthew 21:28-32.
- Who is Jesus talking to?
- What parable does he speak?
- What is his confronting point?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 21:33-41.
- Who is Jesus talking to?
- What is the parable he tells, and the question he asks?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 21:42-44.
- What is Jesus' conclusion?
- Read Psalm 118, and pray.

Day 4

- Read Matthew 21:45-46.
- What do the religious leaders decide?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 21:28-46.
- What do we learn about Jesus, authority, and responding to him?

Week 7: Matthew 22:1-14

Day 1

- Read Matthew 22:1-14.
- What is this parable about?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 22:1-14.
- Who are the first lot of guests, and what do they do?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 22:1-14.
- Who are the next lot of guests, and what do they do?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 22:1-14.
- Who is not invited, and what happens to him?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 22:1-14.
- What does this parable teach us about the kingdom of heaven, authority, and responding?

Week 8: Matthew 22:15-22

Day 1

- Read Matthew 22:15-17.
- What is the intent of the religious leaders?
- What is the question of the religious leaders?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 22:18-21.
- What does Jesus know?
- What does Jesus ask for?
- What does Jesus ask?
- What is the answer?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 22:21-22.
- How does Jesus answer the original question?
- What do you think this means?
- What is the response?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 22:15-22.
- What strikes you about authority and obedience here?

Day 5

- Pick the favourite passage you have enjoyed most from the last eight weeks, read it, and pray.