

Week 214 - w/c 13/12/20

Monday: John 20:1-18. Mary (v13) and John (v 8) responded differently to the sight of the empty tomb. What was your first response to hearing about the resurrection? How has your thinking changed? Praise God for the growth that occurs when we understand who Jesus is and what he has done.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 30:1-20. John Piper comments on v6: "The great promises from the Old Testament describe a work of God that changes a heart of stone into a heart of flesh and causes people to 'know' and 'love' and 'obey' God." Without it people remain spiritually dead. Pray for those you know who have not had this spiritual heart transplant.

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 24:1-27. Joash walked with God as long as he had Jehoiada the priest as a source of influence (v2). Who are you seeking to influence for God? Who looks to you for spiritual advice? Pray for those that do!

Thursday: Psalm 141:1-10. Verse 3 is a good prayer to pray. Our lips and speech are doorways for good or evil, and we must be careful to speak only what is helpful to build others up. (see Ephesians 4:29). How do you try and apply this principle in your life? How can it be helpful to you today?

Friday: Amos 4:1-13. How do you respond to the difficulties of life? In this chapter, God emphasises that difficulties, disasters and problems are often his way of calling us into a right relationship with him. Israel's failure should be a warning to us. Difficulties are not God's judgement but his acts of loving discipline to draw us closer to himself.

Weekend: 1 Peter 3:8-22. There are three important principles in v15 that we should take note of. Have we set apart Christ as Lord in our heart and life? Have we prepared and trained to share our faith by answering the questions people are asking? Do we treat non-Christians and their opinions (even if wrong!) with gentleness and respect?