

Bible Readings Book by Book week 23 – w/c 10/4/22

Monday: Matthew 16:1-12. By their response in v7, the disciples show a lack of spiritual insight into Jesus' warning about the evil influence of the Pharisees. Jesus rebukes them for being occupied with physical things. How does being over-concerned with material matters dampen our spiritual journey?

Tuesday: Matthew 16:13-20. If Jesus asked you the question he asked Peter in verse 15: "Who do you say I am?", how would you answer? Without just replying with a familiar phrase or cliché, tell Him who He is to you today.

Wednesday: Matthew 16:21-28. Verse 21 starts with "From that time on". It refers to the previous verses when the disciples realised that Jesus was the Messiah. Until we know who he is, we cannot understand what he will do.

Thursday: Matthew 17:1-13. As Peter was speaking God interrupts him to affirm the unique identity of Jesus, "This is my Son", and that he deserves our attention, "Listen to him". Today, don't allow things to distract you but be still in God's presence and allow him to capture your attention and speak into your life.

Friday: Matthew 17:14-27. In between ministry to the crowds, Jesus prepares the disciples for his death in verses 22-23. Their response here is different from Matthew 16:21-22. Are you growing in your knowledge of Him and his purposes, as they did?

Weekend: Matthew 18:1-14. It has been said that the smaller you make yourself in God's kingdom, the bigger the landscape of God's greatness will appear to be. Is this part of what Jesus meant in verse 4?