

Bible Readings Book by Book week 27 – w/c 8/5/22

Week 27

Monday: Matthew 25:31-46. Just as Jesus served the poor and needy, both physically and spiritually, so we should do the same. How might you make a difference to someone else's life today?

Tuesday: Matthew 26:1-13. People can always find "better" things to excuse their lack of love for Jesus. Here, it is giving to the poor. But most who criticise extravagant worship, also fail in their alternative! What excuses do you have to avoid sacrificial praise?

Wednesday: Matthew 26:14-30. If death is an end of consciousness, when we die it would be as if we had never been born. But in v24, Jesus implies that hell is worse than "nothingness", but an eternal conscious punishment. What impact should this have on your witness, worship and daily life?

Thursday: Matthew 26:31-46. No doubt we have all faced a 'long night', thinking about the situation that we are faced with. What do we learn about the humanity of Jesus and what model does he give us when it comes to prayer?

Friday: Matthew 26:47-68. Jesus still called Judas his "friend" despite knowing that he had come to betray him. What does this tell you about how you should relate to those who you do not like, or who treat you badly?

Weekend: Matthew 26:69 - 27:10. Peter was a true disciple who denied Christ and was later restored, while Judas was never really a true disciple, betrayed Jesus, and will be judged. What differences between their two reactions are seen in today's reading?