Bible Readings Book by Book week 28 – w/c 15/5/22

Week 28

Monday: Matthew 27:11-31. The death of Jesus (who was innocent) in the place of Barabbas (who was guilty) is a visual picture of the meaning of substitutionary atonement. Thank God today for sending His one and only Son to die in our place, taking upon himself our sin, punishment and shame. Thank him for your salvation.

Tuesday: Matthew 27:32-56. As Jesus died, the curtain in the temple was torn in two, giving each of us access into the presence of God instead of only the high priest. Let us draw near to God, with confidence as you worship him, giving thanks for his death upon the cross.

Wednesday: Matthew 27:57-66. Joseph was a secret disciple until this time, and now took a step showing he was a follower of Jesus. How ready are you to identify with Jesus, and how often do you hide behind the fact that you "go to Church"?

Thursday: Matthew 28:1-20. Take encouragement from v17 when you sometimes have doubts. Some of the disciples still doubted Jesus when he appeared to them. How do the words of Jesus in the "Great Commission" (vv 18-20) encourage faith?

Friday: Leviticus 1:1-17 We are not called to worship in the tabernacle like Israel did. Instead, our whole life is intended to be an act of worship, honouring God by what we do. We are not called to bring a lamb as a sacrifice of worship (v3). Instead, Jesus has died to enable us to enter God's presence, and we offer up our body as a living sacrifice. Is your current life of worship pleasing to the Lord?

Weekend: Leviticus 2:1-16 Salt was an important part of the offering because it spoke of purity, of preservation, and of expense. Every sacrifice offered to God should be pure, should be enduring, and should cost something. Are you willing to offer this kind of sacrifice and commitment in your Christian walk?