

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 45

Why is Jesus so upset with the Pharisees and the scribes in Matthew 23? What does he accuse them of doing?

What lesson does Jesus want us to learn from looking at the fig tree? Why? (Luke 21:29-33, Mark 13:28-31, Matthew 24:32-35)

Why does Jesus exhort his disciples to “keep awake” in Mark 13:37 and Matthew 24:42? For what are they to remain alert and focused? How does the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids support this exhortation?

How will the Messiah or “Son of Man” judge us? Who will be placed at his right hand and who on his left? Why? (Matthew 25:31-46)

How do you understand the meaning of the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion? What was Jesus trying to teach his disciples when he shared the Passover meal with them in this way before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion? (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-23)

Who betrayed Jesus to the religious authorities? Why and for what? Who denied Jesus after his arrest? Why? What does this say about human nature? What redeems us from these imperfections? How?

Why does Jesus wash the feet of his disciples? What does he want them and us to learn from his actions? (John 13:1-20)

What “new commandment” does Jesus give to his disciples after sharing the Passover meal with them? Why? (John 13:31-35)

Who or what is the “Advocate” that Jesus promises God will send to the disciples after he is no longer with them? What will this Advocate do for the disciples and for us? (John 14-16)

What does Jesus mean when he says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life?” (John 14:6a) What does he mean when he says, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower?” (John 15:1)

What does Jesus pray for on behalf of his disciples in John 17? What do you think is the main purpose of this prayer? Why?