

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 41

What authority does Jesus have on earth and from whom does he receive it? (John 5:19-29)

Who are the first twelve apostles Jesus appoints? What are they commissioned to do? Why? (Mark 3:13-19)

What Mosaic Law is Jesus accused of breaking by healing on the Sabbath? How does Jesus respond to his accusers? Why?

After reading Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and Luke 6, what were the teachings that jumped out at you and/or stuck with you? Why? Which teachings challenged you? Why? Which teachings, if any, confused you? Why?

What is theologically significant about the story of Jesus healing the centurion's slave? (Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10)

What invitation does Jesus offer in Matthew 11:28-30? To whom is it offered? What does this reveal about the nature of God?

What does Jesus mean when he says, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks"? (Matthew 12:34b, NRSV)

What is the sign of Jonah and what does it have to do with Jesus? (Matthew 12:38-42)

What is the purpose of a parable? Why does Jesus teach in parables? How would you explain the meaning of the parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32) to someone who has never heard it before?