## Bible Challenge 2014 Going Deeper – Questions for Readings Week 44

What does Jesus do for Lazarus of Bethany in John 11? How is this a pivotal moment in Jesus' life and ministry? What changes after this event? Why?

How does Jesus describe the kingdom of God? Where is it? When is it going to be a reality on earth? How? (Luke 17:20-37)

How would you interpret the "Parable of the Unjust Judge" (Luke 18:1-8) to someone who had never heard it before? What do you think Jesus wants us to learn from this parable?

Why do you think Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God?" How does material wealth keep us from experiencing the true "treasures of heaven"? (Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10, 17-31)

When Jesus prepares to go to Jerusalem for the final time what does he predict will happen to him? Do the disciples understand what Jesus is telling them? How do we know? (Matthew 20:17-19, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-34)

What do James and John, the sons of Zebedee, request of Jesus when he "comes into his glory"? How does the story of the brothers' request differ in the gospels of Matthew and Mark? How does Jesus respond to their request? How do the other disciples respond? What do you think Jesus wants us to learn from this story? (Matthew 20:20-28, Mark 10:35-45)

Why is Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem such a momentous occasion? What did it symbolize? What did the people shout as Jesus was riding through the city? What does it mean? Why were the Pharisees and religious leaders so upset by it? (Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19)

How does believing in Jesus translate into living eternally with God in heaven? How then are we called to live?(John 12:27-50)?

Which commandment does Jesus say is the greatest in the Law of Moses? Why? What does this teach us about what we are to do as followers of Christ? (Matthew 22:34-40)