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Jesus declared that Zacchaeus had received salvation. His life had been turned around by his moral actions.

QUESTION

Do you know of someone who has experienced a change like Zacchaeus did? Would you share some of the story?

Tuesday, May 22

Read Luke 20

DEVOTION

The parable of the Wicked Tenants is a foreshadowing of what would happen to Jesus. Jesus shared this parable during the final week of his life. He soon would go to the cross, die, and then be raised from the dead. When Jesus shared this parable the religious leaders wanted to have Jesus killed immediately. They couldn't because they were so afraid of the crowd.

The disrespect for God that Jesus described in this parable still exists today. It's puzzling why people don't have a higher devotion to God

QUESTION

Why do you think some in our culture disrespect God?

Wednesday, May 23

Read Luke 21

DEVOTION

The popularity of Jesus was soaring! People were coming early in the morning to listen to Jesus speak in the Temple.

In this chapter Jesus shared a sobering message about what would happen in the future. People have debated whether Jesus was talking about the end of the world in this chapter or if he was talking about the Roman persecution that would take place

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about forty years after Jesus died and was raised.

QUESTION

Do you think much about Jesus' return? Have you ever been involved in a church where Jesus' return was talked about frequently?

Thursday, May 24

Read Luke 22

DEVOTION

This is one of the most powerful chapters in the entire Scripture. What a rich collection of events. WE read about the Last Supper of Jesus and the disciples, Jesus' prediction of Peter's denial, the betrayal and arrest of Jesus, Peter's denial of Jesus, the mocking and beating of Jesus, and Jesus appearing before the Council.

Wow! We could probably read this chapter every day for a year and still learn something new.

The Last Supper of Jesus is a powerful story. Jesus changed the trajectory of Christian faith that night. Until then people followed God by following the Law. By offering his body and blood Jesus taught that people would follow God by following Jesus. In participating in the Lord's Supper followers would commune with God.

QUESTION

Do you have a moving experience of Communion that you can share?

Friday, May 25

Read Luke 23

DEVOTION

This chapter shared the worst events in human history. What can be worse than the willful, intentional murder of God.

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The words of the hymn are appropriate. "Were you there when they crucified, My Lord? Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified, my Lord?"

QUESTION

What are your thoughts about the crucifixion of Jesus? When did Jesus' death become meaningful to you and why?

Saturday, May 26

Read Luke 24

DEVOTION

Just as the previous chapters is one of the most difficult in the Scriptures, this chapter is one of the most joyful in the Scriptures. When the women came to the tomb they were expecting to find a dead body. Instead they discovered that Jesus was alive. They bounded away from the tomb sharing a message that has changed the world.

On the road to Emmaus, the two men couldn't help discuss what had taken place in Jerusalem that day. They saw that Jesus had been walking with them when Jesus broke bread with them.

QUESTION

Do you have a recent story of when Jesus was real to you; an event that happened in the past year?