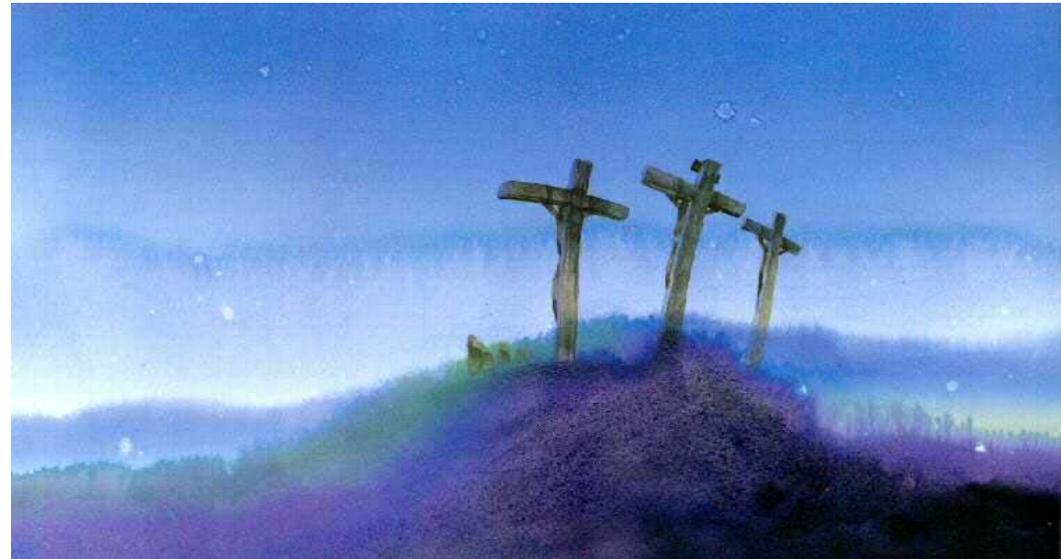


Journeying with Jesus



December 9 (Friday) **The Lord's Prayer** Luke 11:1-13

1. What is so astounding about the fact that Jesus tells us to pray to God as Father? What concepts about a father are we to attribute to God? Which ones don't fit him very well? How should we "hallow" the Father when we begin to pray? (v. 1)?
2. By asking for the Father's kingdom to come, how should this prayer affect our living?
3. There are three promises in vv. 9-10 that are really one promise. What is this promise?
4. Why does Jesus consider the Holy Spirit be considered the Father's best gift? According to the Scripture, does the Father only give the Holy Spirit to certain Christians?

My thought:

My prayer:

December 10 (Saturday) **The Persistent Widow** Luke 18:1-8

1. What is the motivation of the judge in this parable? (vv. 2, 4-5) Describe this judge.
2. Why do you think the widow is so persistent? (v. 3) Describe this widow.
3. What is the purpose of this parable? (v. 1) What kind of things can make us lose heart?
4. How can we believe in swift justice from God when he hasn't brought it yet?
5. Do you think Jesus will find faith on the earth when he returns? Why or why not?

My thought:

My prayer:

December 11 (Sunday) **Reflection**

4th Week

December 5 - 11, 2016

4th Week: Jesus and Prayer

December 5 (Monday) **Praying in Jesus' Name** John 16:16-33

1. What are the similarities between the disciples' feelings and circumstances during the 3 days from Jesus' crucifixion to resurrection and our situation today as Christians waiting for His second coming?
2. What impact did Jesus know His resurrection would have on His disciples? Today, if we believe Jesus will come again to judge the world, how would this affect the way we face challenges in our lives and the power of sin?
3. In your sad and sorrowful days, have you ever asked in Jesus' name for Father God's help?
4. Have you experienced the presence of Father God because you believe that Jesus came from God? Have you enjoyed peace in Jesus Christ even in difficult situations?

Jesus said that if we ask in His name, Father God will surely grant our request because of Jesus. So in our sadness and sorrows, we can ask in Jesus' name for the Father to help us. This would let us see that, although Jesus has not yet come back, we can still experience God's faithfulness, and the joy from God can help us conquer our sadness. This also let us experience God's presence, so that we may have peace in the midst of troubles.

My thought:

My prayer:

December 6 (Tuesday) **Parting Prayer: For Jesus Himself** John 17:1-5

1. What is the relationship between "the Father glorifies the Son" and "the Son glorifies the Father"? Do you wish to have a share in the glory of the Father? For what purpose?
2. The Father gives the Son authority over all flesh, in order to give eternal life through the Son to God's elected people. As a child of God, do you have this mission to let people know the Son through you so that they may receive eternal life?
3. The Father sends the Son to give eternal life to God's elected people. These people make up the church. Have you, in accordance to the Son's sending, led people to church?
4. If you leave this world today, can you say as Jesus did, "Father, I have accomplished the work that you gave me to do"?

My thought:

My prayer:

December 7 (Wednesday) **Parting Prayer: For the Disciples** John 17:6-19

1. Jesus repeatedly emphasized that, "they (i.e. the disciples) are yours". What does this mean?
2. Jesus asked the Father to "keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, as we are one". How is this different from / similar to your understanding about unity of the disciples?
3. What is your understanding of Jesus' saying that the disciples "may have my joy fulfilled in themselves"? What is Jesus' joy?
4. Jesus mentioned twice that the disciples were to be "sanctified in truth". What does this mean?

My thought:

My prayer:

Dec 8 (Thursday) **Parting Prayer: For All Believers** John 17:20-26

1. Jesus prayed to the Father three times for the believers to be one. Do you think believers being one and loving one another is so important? Why?
2. Jesus used "you, Father, are in me and I in you" to describe the unity among believers. What is the meaning of this?
3. Jesus twice used the testimony of the believers being one as a cause for the world to believe that He was sent by the Father. What inspirations does this provide to you?
4. What significance would knowing that Jesus was sent to this world by the Father have on helping people know God?

My thought:

My prayer: