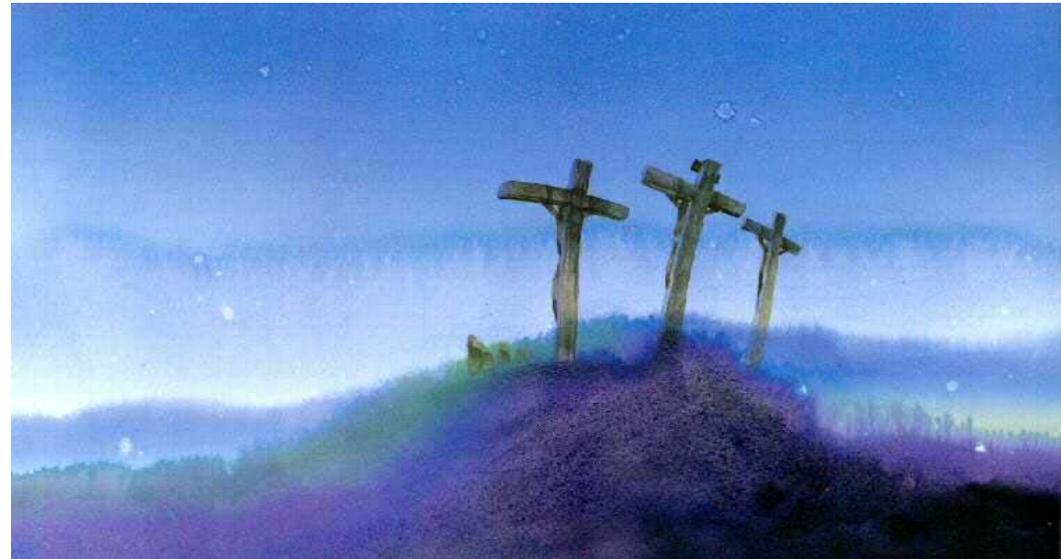


# Journeying with Jesus



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November 25 (Friday) **Sending the Disciples** Luke 10:1-11

1. When Jesus sent out the seventy-two, how did he describe what they would encounter (v. 3)? Have I ever experienced paying a price for the sake of the gospel? Do I long to be one of the seventy-two who were sent? Why?
2. Compare this passage with the description of Jesus' sending of the twelve apostles in Luke 9: 1-6. What details are added in this passage? What did Luke want to emphasize here?
3. Have I experienced going out with brothers and sisters to share the gospel? How did I feel? Did I experience the presence of God?
4. What encouragements does this passage provide to me?

My thought:

My prayer:

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November 26 (Saturday) **The Forgiveness of Sin** John 8:1-11

1. Why was the question in verses 5 from the scribes and Pharisees a trap to Jesus?
2. In the end, all the accusers and the woman eventually left the scene and realized that they were not "without sin." Yet in the final scene of the narrative, Jesus said to the woman, "Then neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin." Would this final conversation make a difference between the lives of the woman and her accusers though they all realized that they were not "without sin"?
3. What is the meaning of discipline? Why didn't Jesus discipline the woman but simply let her go? Have you ever experienced unconditional forgiveness from someone?
4. Why did Jesus say "I don't condemn you" before he said, "Go now and leave your life of sin"? Is this sequence arbitrary? Or does it imply that God's unconditional forgiveness empower sinners to leave their sinfulness? Have you ever experienced God's forgiveness and thus become more aware of your sinfulness?
5. Does this passage condone sin? How should we treat our brothers and sisters who have sinned?

My thought:

My prayer:

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November 27 (Sunday) **Reflection**

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2nd Week

November 21 - 27, 2016

## 2nd Week: The Work of Jesus

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November 21 (Monday) **Jesus called the Disciples** John 1:35-51

1. When the disciples decided to follow Jesus, what was the common thing in Jesus that they saw and believe?
2. Did the disciples sound like they have never heard of Jesus? What is significant about whether they were prepared to look for the Messiah or not?
3. Did any of the disciples ask what would happen next after they followed Jesus? Do you ever think about this question? What is your answer?
4. Jesus promised “greater things” for us to see. What “greater things” do you want to see after knowing Jesus? Is there anything more important than seeing “heaven open?”

My thought:

My prayer:

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November 22 (Tuesday) **Healing by Faith** Matthew 8:1-13

1. Before the leper came and knelt before Jesus (8:2), what was he seeing in Jesus? Are you ready to foresee a change in your life when you encounter Jesus?
2. The only “variable” in the healing incident of v.2-4 is whether Jesus was “willing.” When Jesus is willing to heal, are you willing to be healed? What does this “willingness” on your part involve?
3. V.8: why did the centurion think that he did not “deserve” Jesus to come under his roof? Do we deserve what we get from God? Do you have this sense of humility when you ask for Jesus’ healing and forgiveness?
4. Who will be the people who will enter the banquet in heaven and be seated with the faithful? (v.11-12) Why?

My thought:

My prayer:

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November 23 (Wednesday) **Casting out Demons** Mark 5:1-20

1. Where did the man in Gerasenes with the unclean spirit lived? What abnormal behaviours did he have in the way he lived? From him, what can be seen about what a life controlled by Satan is like? What are presently dominating or influencing my life?
2. How was the way Jesus regarded this demon-possessed man different from other people? If I were there at the time, how would I have regarded this man?
3. How much money would 2,000 pigs be worth today? What was the consequence of Jesus permitting the demons to enter the pigs? What does this incident show us about how Jesus evaluates what are valuable to man?
4. What were some notable changes in the man after the demons left him? How has my life changed after I knew Jesus?
5. Why did the people beg Jesus to depart from their region? How did they look at what was valuable to man? How do I look at what are valuable to man?
6. Have I offered concerns for those who are marginalized in society?

My thought:

My prayer:

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November 24 (Thursday) **The Parable of the Sower** Luke 8:4-15

1. According to Luke 8:10, did Jesus speak in parables so that people would not understand? What is the key to whether one may realize or understand the mysteries of God?
2. How is the explanation of the good soil in Luke 8:15 different from Matthew 13:23? What is Luke’s emphasis?
3. Which soil in the parable do you feel you are?
4. How can you let yourself become good soil, to let your life bear fruit?

My thought:

My prayer: