

Thursday

Matthew 15:21-39 Unexpected Guests at the King's Table



Observation: "Ah-ha!" What struck you?



Question: What do you not understand?



Application & Prayer: How will I respond?



Conversation: Who can I share this with?

Saturday

Matthew 17:1-27 The Glory & Power of the Royal Son



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Friday

Matthew 16:1-28 Identifying the King



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Sunday – Mother's Day


On this special day for celebrating mothers, we give thanks to God for all the women in our lives who have loved, nurtured, comforted, instructed, and encouraged us, and most importantly taught us about Jesus and His Kingdom. Mother's Day can also be bittersweet. Perhaps today you are separated from the women who have meant the most in your life - by long distance, by an argument or even death.


Still, no matter where we are, we can give thanks to God for the precious gift He has given to us by placing these women in our lives, even if only for a time. And we rejoice that there are still so many ways we can tell these women how much we love them and are thankful for them!


So today, take a little time to reach out to at least one of these women in your life - call, text, Facetime, draw a picture of flowers and WhatsApp a photo of the drawing - be creative and return the blessing, using the time and gifts the LORD has given us to love, serve, and encourage.


Monday

Matthew 18:1-35 The Principles of the Kingdom

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Tuesday

Matthew 19:1-30 Divorce & Discipleship

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Lenten Readings


The Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom


As Jesus continues to share the message of His Kingdom and demonstrate its power through His actions, we've seen how the responses of people span the full spectrum, from joyful acceptance to fervent hostility and rejection. This week, Matthew adds another layer, focusing in on the identity of Jesus. Is He truly the long-awaited Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed King? If He is, then what kind of King will He be? Just as the nature of His Kingdom was surprising, the nature of the King and His reign are unexpected.


Wednesday

Matthew 15:1-20 True Cleanliness

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