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WITH THE EDGE

## **April 23 – Luke 18:18-43**

*Re-read 18:29-30*

Jesus reveals one of the great rewards for following him. He reminds the disciples that this life is not all there is. Jesus will reward people who give up things that are important to them for his sake. This should teach us to be willing to give up ANYTHING we have to please God.

What are some thing you find hard to give up in order to follow God better?

## **April 24 – Luke 19:1-28**

*Re-read 19:17*

Jesus is telling a parable about a master who gave money to his servants to invest before leaving on a long trip. The first two servants took their money and invested it well, and the master was happy, giving them more responsibility. God has given you talents, skills, and passions to use for his church.

How are you investing them?

How can you invest them better?

## **April 25 – Luke 19:29-48**

*Re-read 19:47-48*

There were a big group of people in Israel that didn't like Jesus. The "Pharisees" or men who were the Jewish leaders and teachers, hated Jesus because he constantly called them out on their evil hearts. But the people loved Jesus because he spoke the truth with authority. We have the benefit of getting to read and study his words whenever we want!

How are you doing at being in his word? Could you describe yourself as someone who is "hanging on his words" ?

## **April 26 – Luke 20:1-26**

*Re-read 20:25*

In this discussion with the religious leaders in Jerusalem, Jesus stumps their hard question that was intended to make people angry at him. Jesus told the people to pay their taxes, but even more importantly, to SERVE God.

What are some thing you need to do to serve God? Give specifics that you could do today!

## **April 27 – Luke 20:27-47**

*Re-read 20:38*

Once again, the religious leaders are trying to stump Jesus with hard questions. He reminds them of what is important about the life after death - it will be lived perfectly for God! All throughout the Bible, God has shown that he wants to have a people for himself, and he wants to dwell with them. That is what he promises will happen when our lives on earth are over.

What are you most excited about when it comes to living with God and his people forever?

## **April 28 – Luke 21:1-19**

*Re-read 21:17*

These are not the most comforting words to hear if all you want is to live a comfortable life here on earth. Jesus tells his followers that because people hated him, they will hate all who serve and obey him.

What are some things you could do that would make you stand out from the world as God's servant? Are there things you might even be hated for?

## **April 29 – Luke 21:20-38**

*Re-read 21:36*

Jesus calls Christians to stay awake and ready to serve him. Earlier, he tells his followers to be watchful, lest their hearts be "weighed down" with the things of the world.

How can you avoid this?

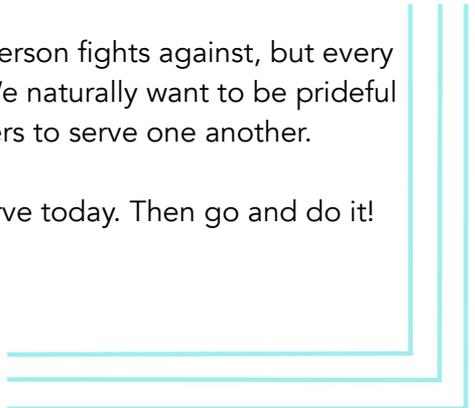
What area of your life do you need strength to endure in this week for God's sake?

## **April 30 – Luke 22:1-30**

*Re-read 22:26*

Humility is something that every person fights against, but every Christian is required to display. We naturally want to be prideful and selfish! Jesus calls his followers to serve one another.

Write down someone you can serve today. Then go and do it!



### **May 1 – Luke 22:31-53**

*Re-read 22:42*

Doing what God wants can be hard sometimes! The hardest thing anyone ever had to do was what Jesus did here: obeying God to go die on the cross for our sin. We are supposed to submit (put ourselves under) God's plan.

When is this hard for you?

Why should you choose to submit to God?

### **May 2 – Luke 22:54-71**

*Re-read 22:61-62*

Peter was an enthusiastic disciple, one of the most enthusiastic. He always wanted to do things for Christ and to serve him. Yesterday, we read that Jesus said beforehand that Peter would deny being his disciple (and Peter thought he would never deny Jesus).

When are you tempted to deny Jesus? In that moment, what are some things about God that you should remember?

### **May 3 – Luke 23:1-26**

*Re-read 23:20-21*

The Gospels are filled with the praises to Jesus from the people. Yet, every Gospel records the shouts of the crowds for the death of Jesus. The people changed their minds, because Jesus was not the savior they wanted, but he was in fact the Savior the people really needed. Most people today think the same way.

Who are some people that you know that need to hear the good news of Jesus (that perhaps don't think they need it)? Make it a goal to talk to them about it this week!

## **May 4 – Luke 23:27-38**

*Re-read 23:34*

Look at the compassion Jesus has for the people! Even though he is being tortured, he goes out of his way to ask God to forgive the very people who were killing him. We can be slow to forgive, but we are called to forgive like God forgave us. That means we should forgive completely, and quickly. Don't hold a grudge, treat them as though they had not wronged you.

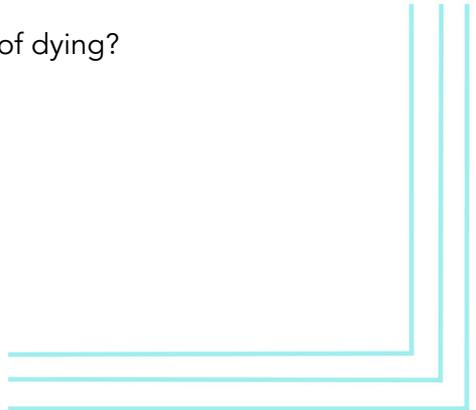
Are there people in your life right now that you have not forgiven? (They probably didn't do anything worse than these people were doing to Jesus). Remember, forgive quickly!

## **May 5 – Luke 23:39-56**

*Re-read 23:40-43*

While many people mocked Jesus, it's a bit unexpected for one of the criminals being crucified along with him to mock him, but it is exactly what happens. The other criminal realizes that Jesus did things and said things that only the Son of God could have done and said. He asks Jesus to remember him, and Jesus promises that on that very day, the criminal would be with Jesus in Heaven. We can take comfort that if we are forgiven when we die, we will be with Jesus in a perfect place forever!

How does this change your view of dying?



## **May 6 – Luke 24:1-35**

*Re-read 24:27*

After he rose from the dead, Jesus appeared to many different people. He started walking with a couple of disciples, but they didn't recognize him. They had a bunch of questions, and Jesus wanted them to know the truth, so he began to explain truths about himself (they didn't know it was him) to them. It says he used "all the Scriptures" meaning the Old Testament. The Old Testament talks about Jesus a lot! But it doesn't give his name. Look up two interesting verses in the Old Testament that talk about who Jesus is.