January 17 Believe

Jesus also Human

 Jesus was born to a human mother – And the angel said unto her, “Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shalt call His Name Jesus. Luke 1:30-31 KJV.

 The human lineage was of King David –Read: Romans 1:3.

 Jesus had everyday human feelings and needs – Read: Matthew 8:24c. Matthew 4:2b. John 11:35.

 Jesus was a carpenter by trade – Read: Mark 6:3a.

 Jesus was tempted by Satan and had to resist much the same way we do today – Read: Matthew 4:1.

 We see that Jesus was truly human, he was tempted, and he saw, felt, needed the same basic things we do today. We have a mediator in heaven that is truly qualified to speak on our behalf.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 1:23.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O God, for sending Jesus as a human so he can understand our troubles and needs.

January 18

Believe/Knowing God

Jesus

 Jesus became man and lived here on earth; he was born and lived like any ordinary man. He had the same feelings, problems, need for food and even fear – Read: Luke 22:42.

 As we know Jesus did suffer for our sins. Suffer is such a flimsy word for the humiliation, stripping of his clothes, the beatings, the crown of thorns forced on His head, the nails being driven into His hands and feet, all that without mentioning dying! How many of us would bear all the pain, humiliation and death for sin that you had not committed, for everyone else’s sin.

 If we had to suffer we would certainly protest, but Jesus was quiet when Jesus stood before the Roman governor, who questioned him, about being King of Jews. Read: Matthew 27:11-14.

 We cannot possibly repay all that we owe Jesus.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Isaiah 53:7.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me to endure any suffering I must for you, O Lord, without complaining.

January 19

Believe

The Resurrection of Jesus

 To be resurrected is to be returned to life after death.

 Jesus coming to earth to be the sacrifice for our sins is important His death is not the most important. If Jesus would have just died and never lived again he would have accomplished nothing. That would have proved there was no life after death, but Jesus did rise from the dead – Read: I Thessalonians 4:14a.

 The Angel talked to the women who came to anoint the body of Jesus, Read: Matthew 28:5, 6. Praise the Lord!

 Jesus made the way for victory over death – Read: 1 Corinthians 15:54b, 55.

 What a victory it is! Through the resurrection of Jesus we have our hope for life after death.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Philippians 3:10-11.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to remember your death and resurrection and to be always humbly thankful for such an undeserved sacrifice that I may live eternally.

January 20

Believe

In the Holy Spirit

 The Holy Spirit has appeared through the years in many different ways, the Israelites were led by the Holy Spirit – Read: Exodus 13:21.

 The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism – Read: Luke 3:22a.

 There was no need for the Holy Spirit while Jesus was on earth; God was with them in the person of Jesus. The disciples and others in the room received the Holy Spirit. Read: Acts 2:3-4.

 The Holy Spirit, being the third person in Trinity is also eternal – Read: Hebrews 9:14.

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 4:24.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Show me, O Lord that the Holy Spirit is working in my life and how to respond in my daily life.

January 21 Salvation

Believing in God

 In summary of our look at believing in God:

 God is always – Read: Revelation 1:8.

 God is creator – Read: Psalm 102:25.

 God is faithful – Read: Psalm 117.

 What a wonderful God we believe in! We have a God that is mighty and everlasting; his kingdom is based on righteousness and justice and in all he does shows love and faithfulness.

 We all long to be associated with only good things, in this evil world we live in God is the only perfect thing going!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Psalm 84:12.

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, I thank-you for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

January 22

Salvation/Confess

Public Confession

 Part of your walk to complete new life in Christ is to confess the fact that we know and believe in our heart, who Jesus is and that we want everyone to share in the joy of our discovery!

 When Jesus was discussing with the disciples, who other people thought he was - Read: Matthew 16:15-16. Peter knew who Jesus was and said it boldly.

 When we know who Jesus is we should also say it – Read: Romans 10:9-10.

 Our public confession is important – Read: Matthew 10:32-33.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Romans 10:8

PRAYER THOUGHT: Lord, with your message in my heart, help me to confess your name before man and to share your message with others.

January 23

Salvation

Repentance for Your Sins

 Once you believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God, you know you have sinned for – Read: I John 1:8.

 The Lord commands that we turn away from our sins – Read: Ezekiel 18:32.

 Being in repentance, we must feel sorry for our sins, as sorry as Ezra did –

Read: Ezra 9:6a.

When we are truly sorry for our sins, we want to confess our sins to God – Read: I John 1:9.

 We have now acknowledged that we have sinned and are truly sorry for those sins and all heaven rejoices – Read: Luke 15:10.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Acts 3:19

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to know my sins and confess them to you so I can be freed from sin and guilt.

January 24

Salvation

Seeking Forgiveness

 Forgiveness is pardon for sins already inflicted.

 We have repented, shown we are truly sorry for our sins, now we are seeking forgiveness Read: Ephesians 1:7.

 We pray for forgiveness – Read: I Kings 8:30.

 We know we are forgiven, through belief in God’s mercy and answered prayer – Read: Daniel 9:9.

 Jesus came to earth and on the cross took the sins of the world upon himself. Though his death sin was also killed, sin leading to eternal death lost its hold over people, Jesus set us free!

 We said under repentance that God would do what was right Read: I John 1:9b.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Psalm 86:5.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you for a way to cleanse our bodies from sin and to start a new life in you.