June 25

Life of Jesus

Thomas the Doubter

 Now Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them the first time after the resurrection – Read: John 20:25.

 Doesn’t that sound like us sometimes? You show me and I will believe.

 Thomas gets his proof – Read: John 20:26-28. Thomas saw and believed.

 We have a blessing from Jesus – Read: John 20:29.

 How happy for us because we believe without seeing Him. One of the purposes of the Bible – the written word – we can read, and believe in Jesus.

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 20:31

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me never to doubt like Thomas, but to always put my faith and trust in You, O Lord.

June 26

Life of Jesus

The Stranger on the Beach

 Another appearance of Jesus – Read John 21:1-14.

 Jesus gave these disciples a lesson in fishing – although they were fishermen by trade. They had fished all night and had not caught anything. We read stories of missionaries that are in the field for many years and have none or very few converts, perhaps they are “fishing” on the wrong side of the boat, they have not exhausted all of their possibilities yet, but need a fresh approach as the disciples needed to get a net full of fish.

 We, too, can do anything if our hearts are right with God. If we listen to what Jesus tells us to do, everything is possible.

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 21:12.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord to keep my heart right with you and to listen to what you tell me to do, because I know I can do nothing without You.

June 27

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Last Instructions

 The disciples met Jesus as instructed – Read Matthew 28:17-20.

 These were the last instructions Jesus gave his disciples, not only instructions but also a promise to be with them.

 Since we are believers and followers of Jesus, these instructions and promise also pertain to us. We are to go everywhere and tell everyone about Jesus and through the Holy Spirit; Jesus will be with us forever. We must not only tell them about Jesus but baptize them and give them a foundation for faith and love.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Acts 1:8

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, thank-you for being with me as I go about witnessing about you and help me to be an effective witness for you everywhere I go.

June 28

Life of Jesus

The Ascension

 Jesus walked and talked with the disciples for forty days after his resurrection, proving that he was alive.

 Jesus gave the disciples instructions about receiving the Holy Spirit – Read: Acts 1:4, 5.

 He also told them what they were to do after receiving the Holy Spirit - Read Acts 1:8.

 Jesus then went back to heaven – Read: Acts 1:9. This must have been quite a sight – Read: Acts 1:10 – The man in white had a question and a promise – Read: Acts 1:11.

 The disciples did as they were told and went back to Jerusalem to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Luke 24:51

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to wait upon your promises and to know through faith that they will come to pass.

June 29

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Our Perfect Example

 Jesus could have came to earth, been sacrificed and resurrected in three days like he was without his prior thirty-three years here on earth. God being infinite in power could have sent his Son in this way, but if the events would have occurred in that way, our sins would have been atoned but just think of the valuable teachings and lessons that would have been lost to us.

 We would not have the examples of the Lord’s Prayer, the Lord’s Supper, baptism, forgiveness, lessons on faith . . .the list goes on, all the valuable help that is in the scriptures drawn from the teachings, healings and forgiving that Jesus did – for example – Read: Matthew 5:14-16.

 The warning about serving more than one master – Read: Matthew 6:24.

 We must never forget to thank God for the sacrifice of his Son but also not to forget to be thankful for all the years of teachings we have to draw on!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 28:20

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, for your sacrifice but also for your priceless example.

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Jesus – In Summary

 Jesus was the greatest teacher to live on this earth and his teachings are still here to guide us. He was not only a teacher but a miracle worker, healer and friend.

 Jesus was humble, kind, and perfect, Jesus is our example to pattern our lives after.

 Jesus taught many things but for summary of his teachings if that is possible – Read: Mark 12: 30-31.

 If we can truly follow the above commands, loving the Lord with our whole being and our neighbors as ourselves all of the other things will fall into place with the help of the Holy Spirit.

 Jesus gave us guidelines for prayer, love, and marriage and for receiving eternal life, put your faith and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Deuteronomy 6:5-7

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me to always love you, O Lord, and to pass that love onto others. Thank-you for all the teachings, healings and miracles that you performed helping me to believe in you.