May 25

Life of Jesus

The Blind Man Sees!

Jesus met a man that was born blind – Read John 9:2, 3.

Sin does not cause blindness or disease, but forgiveness of sin can relieve the burden and make one feel better and strong enough belief in God can lead to a miracle healing if it is God’s will.

Read John 9:6, 7.

Then man’s neighbors couldn’t believe that this seeing man was the same man as the blind beggar. Read John 9:9-10.

The man told them the whole story of what Jesus did for him. When the light of Jesus’ love opens our sin blinded eyes, we too must tell others of what Jesus has done for us.

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 9:5

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I let my light shine, the light of your love, O Lord, in this world blinded by sin and hate.

May 26

Life of Jesus

Lazarus is Dead

Jesus had made friends with Mary, Martha and Lazarus, even so when he heard the news that Lazarus was ill he stayed on where he was for two more days and Lazarus died.

When Jesus finally arrived he found Lazarus had been dead four days, Mary and Martha were mourning, Jesus wept with them, and he was very moved by their grief.

Jesus went to the tomb – Read John 11:39-40.

The stone was removed, Jesus prayed to the Father, and then called to Lazarus to come forth; Lazarus came out, still wrapped in burial clothes. Lazarus was alive!

Many people believed in Jesus!

Once again Jesus turned a bad situation around and made it good for the glory of God.

We can dead to sin but Jesus can roll the stone away from our hearts and give us eternal life, if we only believe!

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 11:25, 26.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, for your resurrection that brought me eternal life.

May 27

Life of Jesus

Anointed Feet

Later, only six days before Passover, Jesus and his disciples went to Bethany to see Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Martha prepared a dinner for all of them, and Mary took expensive perfume and poured it over Jesus’ feet and wiped them with her hair.

Judas Iscariot stood by watching Mary and asked – Read John 12:5. Now Judas really didn’t care about the poor but he would have liked the money since he was the one that carried the money and he was not beneath taking from it.

Jesus took Mary’s side – Read John 12: 7, 8.

Judas was a disciple in body but not in heart like some Christians today, they go through the actions but their heart isn’t in it! Mary’s act of anointing the feet of Jesus was done out of genuine love, the joy, (like Mary’s perfume fragrance filled the whole house) spills out on everyone.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Mark 14:9

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I, always, O Lord, act out of genuine love and not for selfish reasons.

May 28

Life of Jesus

The Triumphant Entry

At Bethpage, Jesus sent two disciples ahead into the village with instructions to get a donkey and a foal that Jesus knew would be tied there. This was to fulfill a prophecy - Read: Matthew 21:5.

The disciples did as they were told – Read Matthew 21:6-11 – Here we see Jesus entering Jerusalem riding humbly on a donkey’s back, to the cries of a large crowd that threw the whole city into an uproar. – Read: John 12:19

If we allow Jesus to entry triumphantly into our heart, and show forth that love to others, the Devil will feel as unsuccessful as the Pharisees.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Psalm 118:29

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I never lose the joy that you gave me, O Lord, when you entered my heart.

May 29

Life of Jesus

The Fig-Tree Cursed

Read about the Fig-tree incident – Matthew 21:18-19. This incident can be applied to us today, we can look like a productive Christian, but if we don’t bear fruit we could face eternal damnation. Actually winning others to Christ is the ultimate fruit we can bear, but if we produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit, others will see Jesus in us and be led to Him.

The Disciples had a question – Read: Matthew 21:20.

Jesus responded in Matthew 21:21.

It is a matter of believing with faith and without doubt.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 21:22

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to have faith without doubt and be able to bring others into your saving light.

May 30

Life of Jesus

The Widow’s Offering

Here is a lesson in giving – Read: Luke 21:1-4. The widow gave all she had the rest gave of what was “spare change”. We should give first to the Lord, not of what we have left over in our budget.

Same with our life, we should not give a portion of your life over to God and keep the rest in the old ways of sin. We must give 100% of our life to the Lord.

These things are easier said than done, but complete submission to Jesus is the goal to strive for, a hope, to pray for assistance in obtaining, we have the Lord to help and guide us if we only rest upon his strength and promises.

VERSE FOR TODAY: James 4:7

PRAYER THOUGHT: Guide me, O Lord, to total submission of your ways, which leads to total freedom in your grace and love.

May 31

Memorial Day

Remembrance

This is the day, once a year that we honor those who have gone before us, especially those who gave their lives in wars – Read: John 15:13. In the broad sense the soldiers lay down their lives for their friends, even though we may not be personal friends of a dead soldier, it is the love of their country and the unity of the nation that makes a soldier go to war to protect the lives of the people.

This day is a special day for parades and speeches, but we should remember those who so courageously went into battle to uphold the principals of our great nation and lost their lives, much more often, thanking God for these unsung heroes. So we can continue to enjoy the freedoms we are accustom to freedom of speech, press, assemble and most important, to Christians, the freedom of religious belief.

We cannot ever repay these people for what they have done for us, just as we can never repay Christ for dying on the cross for us, but we can more than once a year remember them and reflect on all they have given to us for today, and eternity, because they gave their lives for us.

VERSE FOR TODAY: I John 3:16.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Dear God, please bless all the soldiers who go to war and especially those who lost their lives to secure my freedom and all others who have gone before me.