LENSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 05 March 2017 ..........Matthew 14:16-17 ..........Who is this Jesus?
2) 12 March ..........Matthew 17:18-19 ..........Is Jesus Fully God?
3) 19 March ..........Matthew 19:19-20 ..........What is Required?
4) 26 March ..........Matthew 21:1-17 ..........More Than A Prophet?
5) 02 April ..........Matthew 21:18-46 ..........What Happens If I Reject Jesus?
6) 09 April ..........Matthew 22:23 ..........Offered to All?
7) 16 April ..........Matthew 28a ..........Where is Jesus?
8) 23 April ..........Matthew 24-25 ..........What About the Future?
9) 30 April ..........Matthew 26a ..........How Do We Remember?
10) 07 May ..........Matthew 26b ..........Do I Have the Strength?
11) 14 May ..........Matthew 26c ..........Loyal to Whom?
12) 21 May ..........Matthew 27 ..........Crucified for What?
13) 28 May ..........Matthew 28b ..........What Do We Do Now?

INTRODUCTION

- We see Jesus cursing a fig tree for not producing figs and turns it into a powerful lesson on faith. We also see Jesus’ authority being challenged and He responds with some dire warnings of God’s approaching judgment.

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| Matthew 21:18-22 | • v22. Did Jesus truly mean “ALL” things we ask in prayer, believing, we will receive? If so….  
| Matthew 21:18-22 | • Why do we not see resurrections of loved ones?  
| Matthew 21:18-22 | • Why do we not see Down Syndrome kids healed?  
| Matthew 21:18-22 | • Why do we not see amputees’ limbs grow back?  
| Matthew 21:18-22 | • Why do we not see mountains moved?  
| Matthew 21:18-22 | • Have we got contradictions in Scripture?  
| Matthew 21:18-22 | • OR, are their conditions to this great promise?  
| Matthew 21:18-22 | • AND, should we have an earthly or heavenly focus? |

God is a Big God, and He Wants Bold, Big Prayers to Accomplish Great Things for His Kingdom

- We have not, because we ask not…………James 4:2
- Fervent/persistent prayers of a righteous person accomplish MUCH…………James 5:16
- Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do …..Jn 14:13
- If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it …..Jn 14:14
- If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you ……..Jn 15:7
- Whatever you ask of the Father in My name He will give to you so you can bear much fruit ……..Jn 15:16
- If you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you……………………………Jn 16:23
- Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full ………………………………………………Jn 16:24

Consider this. Did Jesus always give to everyone who asked Him of something? No, He did not. Jesus discriminated if one was wicked, unrepentant, selfish
- Pharisees asked for “a sign” to prove His deity, and Jesus said NOPE, revisit Jonah for proof……Mat 12:38
- Some of the 4,000 who got a free meal found Jesus the next day seeking more food from Him, & Jesus said, NOPE, but seek eternal bread …………Jn 6:26-27
- Even Jesus did not get all of His prayers answered: “Father, remove this cup from me”……………………Lk 22:42

Here are the CONDITIONS:

1. Our true motives must be righteous ………….James 4:3
2. Our asking must be in God’s will ………….1John 5:14
3. God’s glory & His will have priority ………….Lk 11:12
4. We humble ourselves as God’s servants ………….Lk 17:10
5. We must be righteous (repent from sins)…..Ps 34:17

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS. God is looking for BOLD prayer warriors who are not afraid to pray BIG things for His kingdom. So, pray BIG or stay home!

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 22-23. Jesus puts the Pharisees and Sadducees in their place a few more times.

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