

Series: His Last Days

Message: Authority Issues: Who do you say I am? March 3, 2013

Setting the scene:

Jerusalem 33 A.D.

Who is Hosanna?

What's with the fig tree?

The Temple – God's way or my way?

The question of authority

Mark 11:27-12:34

Is he over all things?

Vancouver 2013 A.D.

Jesus forces the issue of liar, lunatic or Lord. Who do I say He is?

Following Christ means accepting His authority-His right to lead and make decisions.

Food for Thought: Questions for this weeks' Life Groups

Review these questions in preparation for participating in a Life Group.

1. This week we saw how Jesus was questioned about who He was and the authority He had. These same kinds of questions still surface today as people seek Jesus and try to understand who He is. Looking at who Jesus said He was can help us know Him more personally and build our confidence in helping others understand who He is. Who does Jesus say He is in the following verses?

Matthew 11:29

Luke 22:27

John 6:35

John 8:12

John 10:11

John 14:2

John 14:6

2. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians what could be seen as a “mini theology” of who Jesus is. He wrote it to counter false teaching about Jesus. As you read Colossians 1:15-20 what key points do you see Paul making?

3. Looking at your comments for both questions above, which statements about who Jesus is and what He has done are most important for you to remember and why? Now take a few minutes and use your comments as a prayer guide to specifically thank God for who He is and what He has done for you.

PRAYER FOR MY GROUP:

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God’s Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here’s how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we’ll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned “sharing questions.” But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we’ll study a section from God’s Word that relates to the previous weekend’s sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we’ll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God’s Kingdom.