

Week 156 – w/c 3/11/19

Monday: Luke 19:28-48. These verses describe the events of Palm Sunday and the Monday before Easter. Look at Jesus actions and words over Jerusalem in verses 41-44. When was the last time you wept for our City? Have you ever been moved to tears over the lostness of your friends and neighbours? Ask God to give you a heart like Jesus for your neighbourhood.

Tuesday: Numbers 15:1-41. The same laws applied to strangers and immigrants as for native Israelites in verses 14 & 15. This principle of racial equality was God's idea, not invented by 20th century politicians! Do you treat people of whatever background or race with equal love and concern?

Wednesday: 2 Kings 21:1-26. Manasseh's impact upon the nation and his children was a terrible legacy. Even though this man found repentance and faith as 2 Chronicles 33 makes clear, nevertheless the consequences of his previous sinfulness remained and that is what many remembered him for. We must never take lightly the impact of our sin on others, while remembering repentance and forgiveness are always available with Jesus.

Thursday: Proverbs 19:11-20. Which of these proverbs is most applicable to you today? Write it on a piece of paper or card and seek to read it 6 or 7 times throughout the day, asking God to give you wisdom about how to apply or respond to the principle in your life.

Friday: Ezekiel 23:22-49. Oholibah was the allegorical name given to Judah and Jerusalem, meaning that they were proud of the fact that God's tabernacle was entrusted to them. But memories and monuments of past spiritual experiences do not matter if we are not living for God today, as God's judgement in verse 36 makes clear. How fresh is your present experience of living for God?

Weekend: 1 Timothy 5:16-25. This passage deals with financial care of widows in need (and by implication, the poor in general), as well as the salaries of those leading the church, and some more general principles. What do they tell you about the way the church looked after its poor and needy? How can we apply some of these principles in our church or cell group?