

Week 165 – w/c 5/1/2020

Monday: Luke 23:50-24:12 When Jesus predicted his own death, the disciples didn't understand what he was saying, because it was hidden from them (9:45; 18:34). Since the idea of Jesus dying soon was so foreign to their thinking, Jesus' predictions of his death seem to have "gone in one ear and out the other." Praise God that Jesus conquered death, he was everything the disciples hoped for and more!

Tuesday: Numbers 22:1-20 Although Balaam was obviously a man with significant spiritual gifts, he was not a man with a genuine heart after God. He was "seeking God's will" regarding something that was plainly not His will. Because of his love for money, Balaam essentially tried to manipulate God into granting him a special exception. What distracts you from doing God's will?

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 5:1-26 Reuben was the first son to be born to Israel (Jacob) by his wife Leah. There were special benefits for the oldest son. He would get twice as much as the other sons on the death of their father. And he would become the leader of the family. But Reuben lost those benefits because of his sin. There are consequences to our sin. Read Romans 6:20-23. Praise God for the gift of eternal life.

Thursday: Proverbs 20:10-20 See v12 God has given men and women remarkable capacity to see and understand the world around them. Our ability to hear and see should be gateways to wisdom. Read Mark 8:14-21. Praise God that we can always take the past faithfulness of God as a promise for His continued love and care.

Friday: Ezekiel 32:1-32 A dirge of this kind must have received the attention of all who heard it. Not only had God prophesied the utter destruction of Pharaoh and the land of Egypt, but he had also launched among the populations of the earth a lamentation celebrating his death. The only comfort for Pharaoh would come from knowing he was not the only one to suffer such shame and disgrace in judgment!

Weekend: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 Timothy needed to keep focused on the Word of God because man, by his natural instinct, does not want God's revelation. He would rather hear what he wants to hear. If you were writing your final words to your protégé (as Paul was), what would you write about? Pray that God will give you the heart of an evangelist (v5).