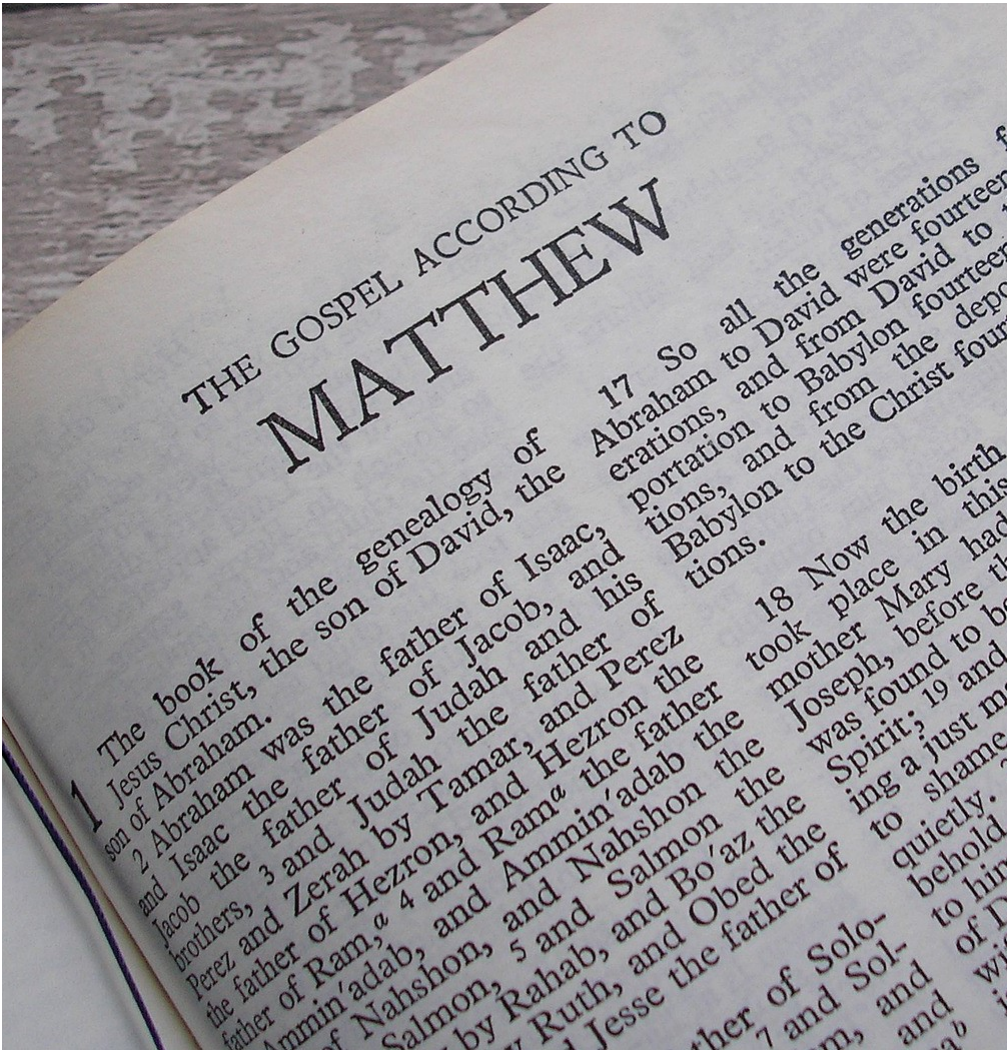


# Let's Worship God

10th-15th October 2022  
Matthew



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## Monday - Matthew 27:11-26 - Pilate

Pilate is governor of a jealous and turbulent people. His great desire is to keep the peace. He doesn't care how much he sins against God, so long as people like him. Though willing to save our Lord's life, he is afraid to do it, if it offends the Jews. There are many today who know that their public acts are wrong, and yet don't have the courage to act. They fear the people! They dread being laughed at! They can't bear being unpopular! The praise of man is the idol before which they bow down, and to that idol they sacrifice conscience, inward peace, and an immortal soul. The praise of man is a poor, feeble, uncertain thing. It is here today, and gone tomorrow. Let us strive to please God without caring who else is pleased. Let us fear God, and then we don't need to be afraid of anyone else.

The behaviour of Pilate gives the chief priests and elders a chance to reconsider what they are doing. But there are no second thoughts in the minds of our Lord's enemies. They actually prefer having a felon, named Barabbas, set free rather than Jesus. And what has our Lord done, that the Jews hate Him so? He is no robber, or murderer. He is no blasphemer of their God, or reviler of their prophets. He is innocent of any transgression against the law of God or man. And yet the Jews hate Him, and never rest until He is dead! They hate Him, because He tells them the truth. They hate Him, because He calls their works evil. They hate the light, because it makes their own darkness visible. They hate Christ, because He is righteous and they are wicked, because He is holy and they are unholy--because He testifies against sin, and they are determined to keep their sins and not let them go.

## Questions

1. Why did Pilate agree to kill Jesus if he thought Jesus was innocent?
2. Why did the chief priests and elders hate Jesus?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would fear God more than man.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

"Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."  
Matthew 6:29

**Praise:** Psalm 52 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.

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## **Tuesday - Matthew 27:27-44 - The Suffering of Christ**

For six long hours Jesus hangs before a gazing crowd, naked, and bleeding from head to foot—and mocked and reviled by His cruel enemies to the very last. All these horrible sufferings are borne without a complaint. No impatient word crosses our Lord's lips. In His death, no less than in His life, He is perfect. To the very last, Satan finds nothing in Him.

All our Lord Jesus Christ's sufferings are vicarious. He suffers not for His own sins, but for ours. We may follow Him all through, from before Pilate to the minute of His death, and see Him at every step as our mighty Substitute, our Representative, our Head—the Divine Friend who undertakes to stand in our stead, and by the priceless merit of His sufferings, to purchase our redemption. Is He beaten? It is that "through His stripes we might be healed." Is he condemned, though innocent? It is that we might be acquitted though guilty. Does He wear a crown of thorns? It is that we might wear the crown of glory. Is He stripped of His clothing? It is that we might be clothed in everlasting righteousness. Is he mocked and reviled? It is that we might be honoured and blessed. Is He reckoned a criminal, and numbered among transgressors? It is that we might be reckoned innocent, and justified from all sin. Is he declared unable to save Himself? It is that He might be able to save others to the uttermost. Does He die at last, and that the most painful and disgraceful of deaths? It is that we might live for evermore, and be exalted to the highest glory. The very key to peace is a right understanding of the sufferings of Christ. Our sins are many and great. But a great atonement has been made for them. There is an infinite merit in all Christ's sufferings. They are the sufferings of One who is God as well as man.

### **Questions**

1. Whose sins was Jesus suffering for?
2. Why did Jesus have to die?

### **Prayer Points**

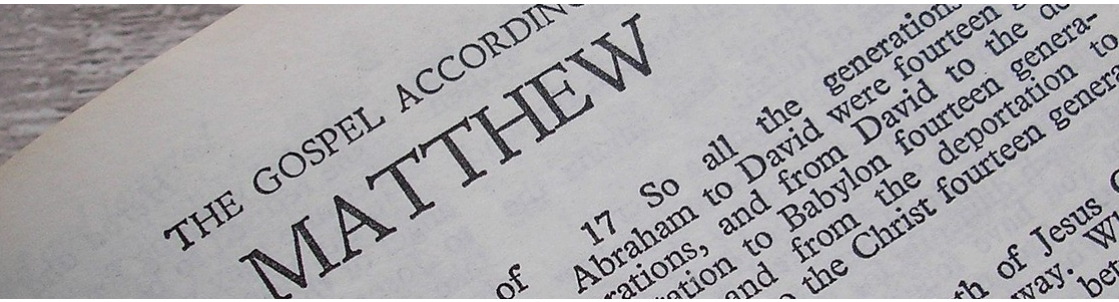
1. Give thanks that Christ has died on your behalf.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**Praise: Psalm 53 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**





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### **Wednesday - Matthew 27:45-56 - The Greatest Death in the World**

Shortly before His death Jesus cries, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" He is expressing the real pressure on His soul of the enormous burden of a world's sins. These words show how truly and literally He is our substitute, is made sin, and a curse for us, and endures God's righteous anger against a world's sin in His own person. At that dreadful moment, the iniquity of us all is laid upon Him to the uttermost.

There never is a last breath drawn, of such importance as this. There never is an event on which so much depends. That death discharges in full the mighty debt which sinners owe to God, and throws open the door of life to every believer. That death satisfies the righteous claims of God's holy law, and enables God to be just, and yet the justifier of the ungodly. That death is no mere example of self-sacrifice, but a complete atonement and propitiation for man's sin. That death solves the hard problem, how God can be perfectly holy, and yet perfectly merciful. It is a complete victory over Satan. It proves the sinfulness of sin, when it needs such a sacrifice to atone for it. It proves the love of God to sinners, when He sends His own Son to make the atonement.

The curtain which separates the holy of holies from the rest of the temple, and through which the high priest alone might pass, is split from top to bottom. It is a sign that there is no more need of an earthly high priest, and a mercy seat, and a sprinkling of blood, and an offering up of incense, and a day of atonement. The true High Priest has appeared. The true Lamb of God has been slain. All are to be invited now to draw near to God with boldness, and approach Him with confidence, by faith in Jesus. A door is thrown open, and a way of life set before the whole world.

#### **Questions**

1. Why was Jesus' death so important?
2. Why was the temple curtain torn?

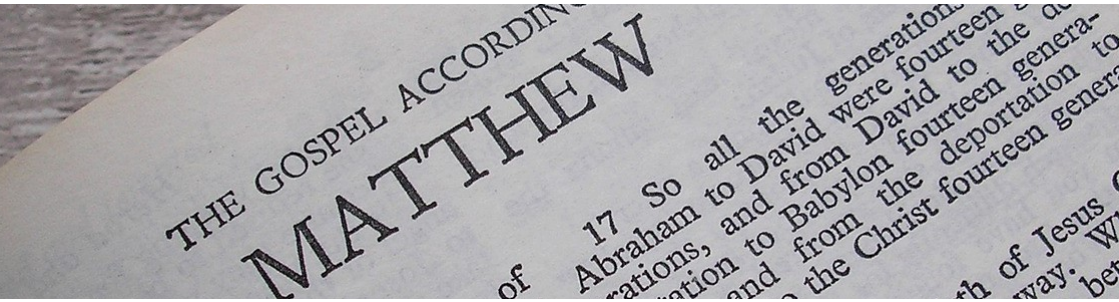
#### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that we can come to God through Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

#### **Memory Verse**

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## Thursday - Matthew 27:57-66 - The Burial

Our Lord Jesus Christ has friends of whom little is known. A man named Joseph of Arimathaea comes forward, when our Lord is dead, and asks permission to bury Him. We have never heard of this man before. We never hear of him again. We know nothing, but that he is a disciple who loves Christ, and honours Him. At a time when the apostles have forsaken our Lord—at a time when it is a dangerous thing to love Christ—at a time when there seems to be no earthly advantage to be gained by being a disciple—at such a time as this Joseph comes boldly forward, and begs the body of Jesus, and lays it in his own new tomb.

God can make the devices of wicked men work to His own glory. The priests and Pharisees can't sleep, even when the body of Jesus is in the grave. They remember what He has said, about "rising again." They go to Pilate. They obtain from him a guard of Roman soldiers. They set a watch over the tomb of our Lord. They place a seal upon the stone. They little think that unwittingly they are providing the most complete evidence of the truth of Christ's coming resurrection. They are actually making it impossible to prove that there is any deception. Their seal, their guard, their precautions, are all to become witnesses, in a few hours, that Christ has risen. Their own devices become instruments to show forth God's glory. We live in a world where all things are ordered by a hand of perfect wisdom, and where all things are working together continually for the good of the body of Christ. The powers of this world are only tools in the hand of God. He is using them for His own purposes, however little they may be aware of it. The very things which now seem against us, are all working together for God's glory.

### Questions

1. What did Joseph ask to do?
2. What did the priests and Pharisees ask for and why?

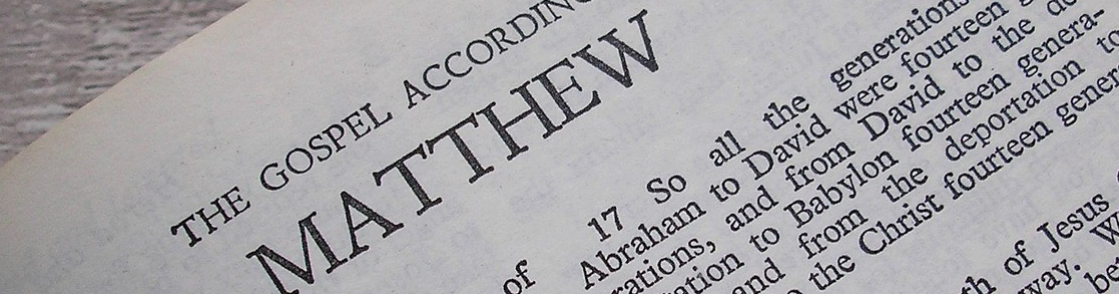
### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## Friday - Matthew 28:1-10 - The Resurrection

Our Lord's resurrection is the crowning proof that He has paid the debt which He undertook to pay on our behalf, has won the battle which He fought to deliver us from hell, and is accepted as our Surety and our Substitute by our Father in heaven. Had He never come forth from the prison of the grave, how could we ever have been sure that our ransom had been fully paid? (1 Cor. 15:17.) Had He never risen from His conflict with the last enemy, how could we have felt confident, that He has overcome death, and the one that has the power of death, the devil? (Heb. 2:14.) But thanks be unto God, we are not left in doubt.

Notice in these verses, the glory and majesty with which Christ rose from the dead. In the resurrection we see a type and pledge of the resurrection of Christ's believing people. Notice the terror which Christ's enemies feel at His resurrection. Again this is a type and emblem of things yet to come. What will the ungodly and the wicked do at the last day, when the trumpet shall sound, and Christ shall come in glory to judge the world? Notice next the words of comfort which the angel addresses to the friends of Christ. They are intended to remind us, that true Christians have no cause for alarm, whatever may come on the world. Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, they shall be found without spot and blameless.

Let us notice, finally, the gracious message which the Lord sends to the disciples after His resurrection. His first thought is for His little scattered flock. Weak, frail, sinful as the disciples are, Jesus still calls them His "brethren." Our Saviour is one who never forgets His people. Our great High Priest is also our elder brother.

### Questions

1. What does Christ's resurrection prove?
2. What does Jesus call His disciples?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ has risen from the dead.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Matthew 28:11-20 - With Us Always**

Notice, in the first place, the honour which God has put on our Lord Jesus Christ. Notice, in the second place, the duty which Jesus lays on His disciples. They are not to confine their knowledge to themselves, but communicate it to others. Notice, in the third place, the public profession which Jesus requires of those who believe His Gospel. He tells His apostles to "baptise" those whom they receive as disciples. Notice, in the fourth place, the obedience which Jesus requires of all who profess themselves His disciples. Notice, in the fifth place, the solemn mention of the Trinity which our Lord makes in these verses.

Finally, as we finish our study of Matthew using J.C. Ryle's commentary, notice in these verses, the gracious promise with which Jesus closes His words. He says to His disciples "I am with you always even to the end of the world." Though left alone, like orphan children in a cold, unkind world, the disciples are not to think they are deserted. Though commissioned to do a work as hard as that of Moses when sent to Pharaoh, they are not to be discouraged. Their Master will certainly be "with them." Let all true Christians lay hold on these words and keep them in mind. Christ is "with us" always. He is with us daily to pardon and forgive--with us daily to sanctify and strengthen--with us daily to defend and keep--with us daily to lead and to guide--with us in sorrow, and with us in joy--with us in sickness, and with us in health--with us in life, and with us in death--with us in time, and with us in eternity. Whatever happens, we at least are never completely friendless and alone. Christ is with us. It is everything to be a real Christian. None have such a King, such a Priest, such a constant Companion, and such an unailing Friend, as the true servants of Christ.

## **Questions**

1. What does Jesus tell His disciples to do?
2. What does Jesus promise?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

## **Memory Verse**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
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