• Song 30 and Prayer

• Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

• "Jehovah Is Faithful": (10 min.)

10:13

Jehovah might choose to remove a trial; however, he often makes "the way out" by providing what we need so that we can endure the trial successfully.

• He can soothe our mind, our heart, and our emotions by means of his Word, his holy spirit, and the spiritual food he provides.—Mt 24:45; Joh 14:16, ftn.; Ro 15:4

• He may guide us by means of holy spirit, which can help us remember Bible accounts and principles and then discern the wise steps to take.—Joh 14:26

• He can use his angels in our behalf.—Heb 1:14

• He can help us through fellow worshippers.—Col 4:11

- (1 Corinthians 10:13) No temptation has come upon you except what is common to men. But God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but along with the temptation he will also make the way out so that you may be able to endure it.
- (Matthew 24:45) "Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time?
- (John 14:16) And I will ask the Father and he will give you another helper to be with you forever,
- (Romans 15:4) For all the things that were written beforehand were written for our instruction, so that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope.
- (John 14:26) But the helper, the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you.
- (Hebrews 1:14) Are they not all spirits for holy service, sent out to minister for those who are going to inherit salvation?
- (Colossians 4:11) and Jesus who is called Justus, who are of those circumcised. Only these are my fellow workers for the Kingdom of God, and they have become a source of great comfort to me.

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1Co 10:13—Jehovah does not choose the trials we face (w17.02 29-30)

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Questions From Readers

The apostle Paul wrote that Jehovah "will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear." (1 Cor. 10:13) Does this mean that Jehovah

assesses in advance what we can bear and then chooses the trials we will face?

▪ Consider the implications of such a view. One brother whose son committed suicide asked: 'Did Jehovah assess in advance that my wife and I would be capable of enduring our son's suicide? Did it happen because God had determined that we could endure it?' Is there sound reason to believe that Jehovah maneuvers the events of our lives in such specific ways?

A further consideration of Paul's words recorded at 1 Corinthians 10:13 leads us to this conclusion: There is no Scriptural reason to believe that Jehovah assesses in advance what we can bear and then, based on such an assessment, chooses which trials will befall us. Let us consider four reasons why we may draw that conclusion.

First, Jehovah gave humans the gift of free will. He wants us to choose our own course in life. (Deut. 30:19, 20; Josh. 24:15) If we choose the right course, we can look to Jehovah to guide our steps. (Prov. 16:9) But if we choose a wrong course, we will have to face the consequences. (Gal. 6:7) Were Jehovah to choose which trials would come upon us, would he not, in effect, be diminishing the gift of free will?

Second, Jehovah does not shield us from "time and unexpected events." (Eccl. 9:11) Tragic accidents—perhaps with dire consequences—may occur because we are in the wrong place at the wrong time. Jesus spoke of a tragedy involving 18 people who were killed when a tower fell on them, and he indicated that those fatalities were not as a result of God's will. (Luke 13:1-5) Is it not unreasonable to think that God would determine in advance who lives and who dies as a result of random events?

Third, each one of us is personally involved in the issue of integrity. Recall that Satan has challenged the integrity of all those serving Jehovah, claiming that we would not remain loyal to Jehovah when exposed to trials. (Job 1:9-11; 2:4; Rev. 12:10) If Jehovah prevented us from facing certain trials because he deemed them to be more than we could bear, would that not add weight to Satan's charge that we serve God out of self-interest?

Fourth, Jehovah does not have to foreknow everything that happens to us. The idea that God chooses beforehand which trials we will face implies that he must know everything about our future. But such a view is not Scriptural. God certainly can foreknow the future. (Isa. 46:10) But the Bible shows that he is selective when it comes to foreknowing future events. (Gen. 18:20, 21; 22:12) He thus balances his power of foreknowledge with his respect for our free will. Is that not what we would expect from the God who values our freedom and who always exercises his attributes in perfect balance?—Deut. 32:4; 2 Cor. 3:17.

How, then, are we to understand Paul's words: "God . . . will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear"? Paul here describes what Jehovah does, not before, but during trials. The apostle's words assure us that no matter what trials may arise in our life, Jehovah will sustain us if we trust in him. (Ps. 55:22) Paul's comforting words are based on two fundamental truths.

First, the trials we face are "common to men." Our trials, then, are common to human experience. Such trials are not beyond our capacity to bear—provided we rely on God. (1 Pet. 5:8, 9) In the context of 1 Corinthians 10:13, Paul refers to the tests that Israel faced in the wilderness. (1 Cor. 10:6-11) None of those trials were beyond human experience or above the ability of faithful Israelites to bear. Paul four times says that "some of them" disobeyed. Sadly, some Israelites gave in to wrong desires because they failed to rely on God.

Second, "God is faithful." The record of God's dealings with his people demonstrates that he gives his loyal love to "those who love him and keep his commandments." (Deut. 7:9) That

record also shows that God always keeps his promises. (Josh. 23:14) In view of his past record of faithfulness, those who love him and obey him can trust that he will keep this twofold promise regarding trials they may face: (1) He will not allow any trial to develop to a point that would make it impossible to bear, and (2) "he will . . . make the way out" for them.

How does Jehovah make the way out for those who rely on him in the face of trials? Of course, if it be his will, he can simply remove a trial. But recall Paul's words: "He [Jehovah] will also make the way out so that you may be able to endure it." Hence, in many cases, he makes "the way out" by providing what we need so that we can endure trials successfully. Consider some of the ways that Jehovah may make the way out for us:

▪ He "comforts us in all our trials." (2 Cor. 1:3, 4) Jehovah can soothe our mind, our heart, and our emotions by means of his Word, his holy spirit, and the spiritual food dispensed by the faithful slave.—Matt. 24:45; John 14:16, ftn., Rom. 15:4.

▪ He may guide us by means of holy spirit. (John 14:26) When trials arise, the spirit can help us to remember Bible accounts and principles and then discern the wise steps to take.

▪ He can use his angels in our behalf.—Heb. 1:14.

▪ He can help us through fellow worshippers who by their words and deeds can be "a strengthening aid" to us.—Col. 4:11, ftn.

What, then, may we conclude about the meaning of Paul's words recorded at 1 Corinthians 10:13? Jehovah does not pick and choose the trials we face. But when trials do arise in our life, we can be certain of this: If we fully trust in Jehovah, he will never allow our trials to go beyond the limit of human endurance; he will always make a way out so that we can endure them. What a comforting thought that is!

- [Footnote]
- The Greek word rendered "temptation" may denote "test, trial."
- [Pictures on page 29]

Jehovah "comforts us in all our trials"

1Co 10:13—Trials we face are "common to men"
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1Co 10:13—Jehovah will help us to endure any trial if we trust in him

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Digging for Spiritual Gems:

1Co 10:8—Why does this verse say that 23,000 Israelites died in one day for committing sexual immorality, whereas Numbers 25:9 says that 24,000 died? (w04 4/1 29)

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Questions From Readers

Why does 1 Corinthians 10:8 say that 23,000 Israelites fell in one day for committing fornication, while Numbers 25:9 gives the figure as 24,000?

There are several factors that may account for the difference in the figures given in these two verses. The simplest one could be that the actual number is somewhere between 23,000 and 24,000, thus allowing it to be rounded off in either direction.

Consider another possibility. The apostle Paul cited the account of the Israelites at Shittim as a warning example to Christians in ancient Corinth, a city notorious for its licentious way of life. He wrote: “Neither let us practice fornication, as some of them committed fornication, only to fall, twenty-three thousand of them in one day.” Singling out those who were put to death by Jehovah because they committed fornication, Paul gave the number as 23,000.—1 Corinthians 10:8.

Numbers chapter 25, however, tells us that “Israel attached itself to the Baal of Peor; and the anger of Jehovah began to blaze against Israel.” Then, Jehovah commanded Moses to execute “all the head ones of the people.” Moses, in turn, ordered the judges to carry out that command. Finally, when Phinehas acted

quickly to put to death the Israelite who brought a Midianite woman into the camp, "the scourge was halted." The account ends with the statement: "Those who died from the scourge amounted to twenty-four thousand."—Numbers 25:1-9.

The figure given in Numbers evidently included "the head ones of the people" executed by the judges and those executed directly by Jehovah. There might well have been a thousand of those head ones who died at the hands of the judges, bringing the number to 24,000. Whether these head ones, or ringleaders, committed fornication, participated in the festivities, or gave consent to those who did, they were guilty of having "an attachment with the Baal of Peor."

Regarding the word "attachment," one Bible reference work explains that it can mean "to bind one's self to a person." The Israelites were a people dedicated to Jehovah, but when they formed "an attachment with the Baal of Peor," they broke their dedicated relationship with God. Some 700 years later, through the prophet Hosea, Jehovah said of the Israelites: "They themselves went in to Baal of Peor, and they proceeded to dedicate themselves to the shameful thing, and they came to be disgusting like the thing of their love." (Hosea 9:10) All those who did so were deserving of adverse divine judgment. Thus, Moses reminded the sons of Israel: "Your own eyes are the ones that saw what Jehovah did in the case of the Baal of Peor, that every man who walked after the Baal of Peor was the one whom Jehovah your God annihilated from your midst."—Deuteronomy 4:3.

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- (1 Corinthians 10:8) Neither let us practice sexual immorality, as some of them committed sexual immorality, only to fall, 23,000 of them in one day.
- (Numbers 25:1-18) When Israel was dwelling in Shit'tim, the people started to commit sexual immorality with the daughters of Mo'ab. 2 The women invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people began to eat and to bow down to their gods. 3 So Israel joined in worship of the Ba'al of Pe'or, and Jehovah became enraged with Israel. 4 Jehovah said to Moses: "Take all the leaders of these people and hang them up before Jehovah in broad daylight, that the burning anger of Jehovah may turn back from Israel." 5 Then Moses said to the judges of Israel: "Each one of you should kill his men who joined in worship of the Ba'al of Pe'or." 6 But just then, there came one of the Israelites bringing near to his brothers a Mid'i·an·ite woman before the eyes of Moses and of all the assembly of the Israelites, while they were weeping at the entrance of the tent of meeting. 7 When Phin'e·has the son of El·e·a'zar the son of Aaron the priest saw it, he immediately rose up from the midst of the assembly and took a spear in his hand. 8 Then he went after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman through her genital parts. At that the scourge on the Israelites was halted. 9 Those who died from the scourge amounted to 24,000. 10 Then Jehovah said to Moses: 11 "Phin'e·has the son of El·e·a'zar the son of Aaron the priest has turned my wrath away from the people of Israel because he tolerated no rivalry at all toward me among them. So I have not exterminated the Israelites in my insistence on exclusive devotion. 12 Therefore, say, 'I am giving him my covenant of peace. 13 And it will serve as the covenant of a lasting priesthood for him and his offspring after him,

because he tolerated no rivalry toward his God and he made atonement for the people of Israel.'" 14 Incidentally, the name of the Israelite man who was put to death along with the Mid'i·an·i·tess was Zim'ri the son of Sa'lu, a chieftain of a paternal house of the Sim'e·on·ites. 15 The name of the Mid'i·an·ite woman who was put to death was Coz'bi the daughter of Zur; he was a leader of the clans of a paternal house in Mid'i·an. 16 Jehovah later said to Moses: 17 "Harass the Mid'i·an·ites and strike them down, 18 because they have been harassing you with their cunning dealings against you in the affair of Pe'or and of Coz'bi the daughter of a chieftain of Mid'i·an, their sister who was put to death in the day of the scourge over the affair of Pe'or."

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- (Hosea 9:10) "Like grapes in the wilderness I found Israel. Like the first of the early figs on a fig tree I saw your forefathers. But they went to Ba'al of Pe'or; They dedicated themselves to the shameful thing, And they became disgusting like the object of their love.

- (Deuteronomy 4:3) "Your own eyes have seen what Jehovah did in the case of the Ba'al of Pe'or; Jehovah your God annihilated from your midst every man who walked after the Ba'al of Pe'or.

1Co 11:5, 6, 10—Does a female Kingdom publisher need to wear a head covering if she conducts a Bible study in the presence of a male publisher? (w15 2/15 30)

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(1 Corinthians 11:5, 6) 5 but every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered shames her head, for it is one and the same as if she were a woman with a shaved head. 6 For if a woman does not cover herself, she should have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or shaved, she should be covered.

(1 Corinthians 11:10) 10 That is why the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels.

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Does a female Kingdom publisher need to wear a head covering if she conducts a Bible study in the presence of a male publisher?

▪ In a "Questions From Readers" item published in The Watchtower of July 15, 2002, it was stated that a sister should cover her head if she conducts a Bible study in the presence of a male publisher, whether he is baptized or not. Further consideration of the matter suggests that a modification to this direction is appropriate.

If the male publisher who accompanies the sister while she conducts an established Bible study is baptized, the sister would certainly want to wear a head covering. She thus shows respect for Jehovah's arrangement of headship within the Christian congregation because she is fulfilling a role that would normally be the responsibility of the brother. (1 Cor. 11:5, 6, 10) Alternatively, she could ask the brother to conduct the study if he is qualified and able to do so.

On the other hand, if a sister is accompanied on an established Bible study by an unbaptized male publisher who is not her husband, she would not Scripturally be required to wear a head covering. Nevertheless, the conscience of some sisters may move them to wear a head covering even in such circumstances.

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What has this week's Bible reading taught you about Jehovah?

What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week's Bible reading?

Bible Reading:) 1Co 10:1-17
(4 min. or less) •

(1 Corinthians 10:1-17) 10 Now I want you to know, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea 2 and all got baptized into Moses by means of the cloud and of the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they used to drink from the spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock meant the Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the wilderness.

6 Now these things became examples for us, in order for us not to desire injurious things, as they desired them. 7 Neither become idolaters, as some of them did; just as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink. Then they got up to have a good time." 8 Neither let us practice sexual immorality, as some of them committed sexual immorality, only to fall, 23,000 of them in one day. 9 Neither let us put Jehovah to the test, as some of them put him to the test, only to perish by the serpents. 10 Neither be murmurers, as some of them murmured, only to perish by the destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us upon whom the ends of the systems of things have come.

12 So let the one who thinks he is standing beware that he does not fall. 13 No temptation has come upon you except what is common to men. But God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but along with the temptation he will also make the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

14 Therefore, my beloved ones, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to men with discernment; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of the Christ? The loaf that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of the Christ? 17 Because there is one loaf, we, although many, are one body, for we are all partaking of that one loaf.

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

• Initial Call Video: (4 min.) Play and discuss the video.

• Initial Call: (2 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (th study 1)

●○○ INITIAL CALL

Question: Who was Jesus?

Scripture: Mt 16:16

Link: Why did Jesus die?

- (Matthew 16:16) 16 Simon Peter answered: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

• Initial Call: (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Overcome a common objection. (th study 3)

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• Initial Call: (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Introduce a publication from our Teaching Toolbox. (th study 6)

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LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

Song 25

• "The Members . . . Are Necessary" (1Co 12:22): (10 min.) Play the video.

(1 Corinthians 12:22) 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are necessary,

• "How Will You Prepare for the Memorial?": (5 min.) Talk. Encourage all to use the Memorial season as a time for meditation and to grow in appreciation for the love Jehovah and Jesus have shown us.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

How Will You Prepare for the Memorial?

Beginning this year, we will have more time to prepare for the Memorial of Christ's death. When the Memorial falls on a weekday, the Life and Ministry Meeting will not be held that week. When the Memorial falls on a weekend, the public talk and Watchtower Study will not be held. Will you make the best use of the additional time in your schedule? Just as in the first century, physical arrangements must be made for this special occasion. (Lu 22:7-13; km 3/15 1) But all of us should prepare our hearts. How can we do so?

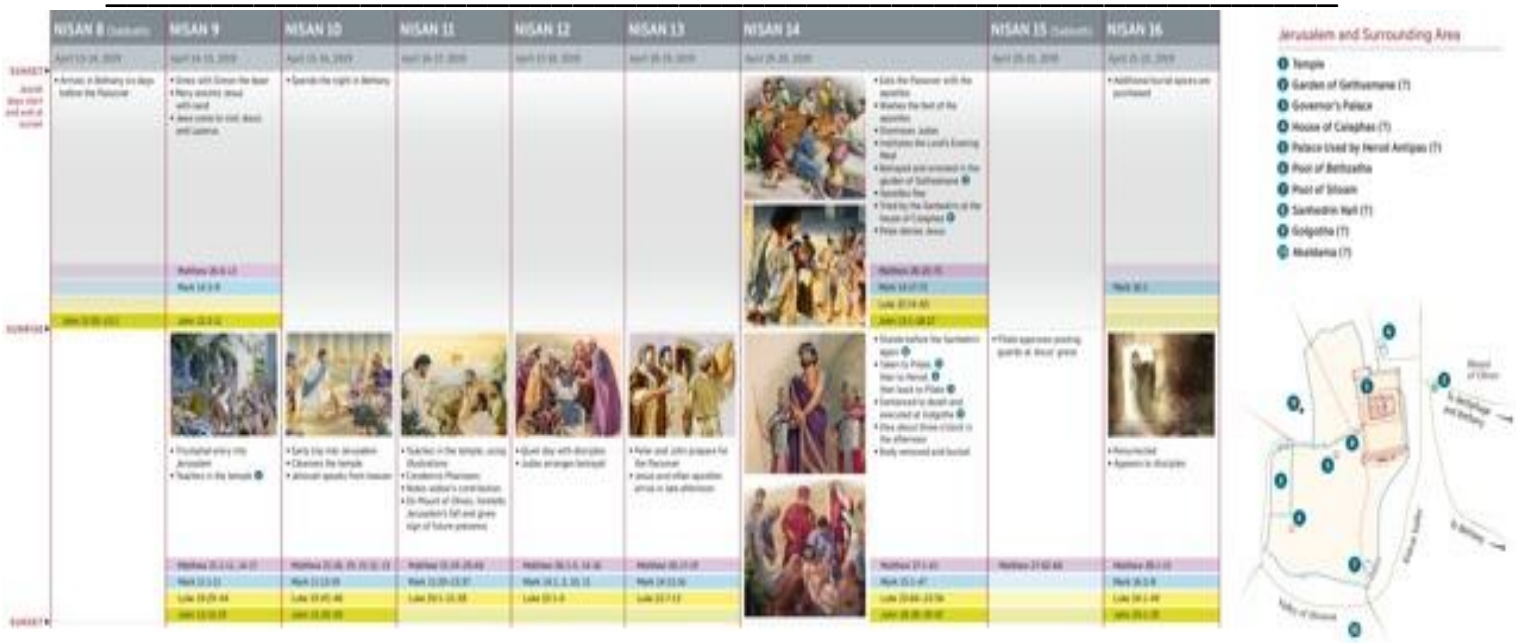
• Reflect on the importance of attending.—1Co 11:23-26

• Prayerfully examine your personal relationship with Jehovah.—1Co 11:27-29; 2Co 13:5

• Read and meditate on Scriptural material that discusses the meaning of the Memorial.—Joh 3:16; 15:13

Some publishers read and meditate on the Memorial Bible reading found in Examining the Scriptures Daily. Others read the Bible verses that appear in the accompanying chart. Still others review Watchtower articles that discuss the Memorial and the love that Jehovah and Jesus have shown for us. Whatever study project you choose, may it draw you ever closer to Jehovah and his Son.

[Picture on pages 4-5]



Congregation Bible Study: (30 min.)

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(Matthew 17:22-18:5) It was while they were gathered together in Gal'i·lee that Jesus said to them: “The Son of man is going to be betrayed into men’s hands, 23 and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised up.” And they were very much grieved. 24 After they arrived in Ca·per'na·um, the men collecting the two drachmas tax approached Peter and said: “Does your teacher not pay the two drachmas tax?” 25 He said: “Yes.” However, when he entered the house, Jesus spoke to him first and said: “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive duties or head tax? From their sons or from the strangers?” 26 When he said: “From the strangers,” Jesus said to him: “Really, then, the sons are tax-free. 27 But that we do not cause them to stumble, go to the sea, cast a fishhook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth, you will find a silver coin. Take that and give it to them for me and you.”

18 In that hour the disciples came near to Jesus and said: “Who really is greatest in the Kingdom of the heavens?” 2 So calling a young child to him, he stood him in their midst 3 and said: “Truly I say to you, unless you turn around and become as young children, you will by no means enter into the Kingdom of the heavens. 4 Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this young child is the one who is the greatest in the Kingdom of the heavens; 5 and whoever receives one such young child on the basis of my name receives me also.

(Mark 9:30-37) They departed from there and went through Gal'i·lee, but he did not want anyone to get to know about it. 31 For he was teaching his disciples and telling them: “The Son of man is going to be betrayed into men’s hands, and they will kill him, but despite being killed, he will rise three days later.” 32 However, they did not understand his statement, and they were afraid to question him. 33 And they came into Ca·per'na·um. Now when he was inside the house, he put the question to them: “What were you arguing about on the road?” 34 They kept silent, for on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who is greater. 35 So he sat down and called the Twelve and said to them: “If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and minister of all.” 36 Then he took a young child and stood him in their midst; and putting his arms around him, he said to them: 37 “Whoever receives one of such young

children on the basis of my name receives me also; and whoever receives me receives not me only but also Him who sent me."

(Luke 9:43-48) And they were all astounded at the majestic power of God. While they were all astonished at all the things he was doing, he said to his disciples: 44 "Listen carefully and remember these words, for the Son of man is going to be betrayed into men's hands." 45 But they did not understand what he was saying. In fact, it was concealed from them so that they might not grasp it, and they were afraid to question him about this saying. 46 Then a dispute arose among them about which one of them was the greatest. 47 Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a young child, stood him beside him, 48 and said to them: "Whoever receives this young child on the basis of my name receives me also; and whoever receives me also receives the One who sent me. For the one who conducts himself as a lesser one among all of you is the one who is great."

Paragraph 1 on Page 148

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Paragraph 2 on Page 148

(Matthew 16:21, 22) From that time forward, Jesus began explaining to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed, and on the third day be raised up. 22 At this Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying: "Be kind to yourself, Lord; you will not have this happen to you at all."

(Luke 9:31) These appeared with glory and began talking about his departure, which he was about to fulfill at Jerusalem.

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Paragraph 3 on Page 148

(Matthew 17:24) After they arrived in Ca·per'na·um, the men collecting the two drachmas tax approached Peter and said: "Does your teacher not pay the two drachmas tax?"

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(Matthew 17:25, 26) He said: "Yes." However, when he entered the house, Jesus spoke to him first and said: "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive duties or head tax? From their sons or from the strangers?" 26 When he said: "From the strangers," Jesus said to him: "Really, then, the sons are tax-free.

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(Matthew 17:27) But that we do not cause them to stumble, go to the sea, cast a fishhook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth, you will find a silver coin. Take that and give it to them for me and you."

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◇ On returning to Capernaum, Jesus repeats what important fact, and how do his disciples receive this?

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◇Why is Jesus not under obligation to pay the temple tax, but why does he do so?

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◇ What might contribute to the disciples’ concern about position, and how does Jesus correct them?

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˙ Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)

- Song 31 and Prayer