

# Week 5, One Year Bible Challenge: "Life's Not Fair"

Christ the Rock Community Church, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

**This week's reading January 27 to February 2**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, "*The One Year Bible Challenge*," you should read the daily materials as set out in "*The One Year Bible*." The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Exodus 8:1-21:21

Matthew 19:13-23:39

Psalms 24:1-28:9

Proverbs 6:1-7:5



Let the children come to me, by Vogelstein, Vogel Von (1788-1868)

**Next Week's Reading February 3-9**

Exodus 21:22-33:23

Matthew 24:1-27:14

Psalms 29:1-33:11

## Discussion Questions:

### Old Testament

- Was the death of the firstborn the worst of the ten plagues? Exodus 12:29-33. If so, why? If not, which plague was the worst. Why did God save the death of the firstborn until last? Or do you think God had additional plagues in mind if Pharaoh had not finally relented?
- In Exodus 14:21 (WEBME) says, "the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided." Did it really take all night for the seas to part? If so, why does popular culture often portray the event as only taking a few seconds or minutes?
- Why did the manna which God provided to his people only last for one day at a time (except it lasted an extra day on the sabbath)? Exodus 16:14-23. Do God's rules for the handling of manna have any application or meaning for modern Christians?

### New Testament

What did Jesus mean when he said that "the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these [children]?" Matthew 19:16.

- Was the mother of James and John out of line when she asked Jesus that her sons be able to sit at his right and left side in His kingdom? Matthew 20:20-22.
- In Jesus' parable, a wedding guest was thrown out of the wedding feast for not wearing appropriate wedding clothing. Matthew 22:11-14. Should we take this story to emphasize the importance of wearing our best clothing when we come to church? If not, what is the point of the parable..

# Week 22, One Year Bible Challenge: “Family Problems”

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Murder during Meal at the House of Absalom, by Gaspare Traversi (c. 1722–1770)

**This week’s reading May 28 to June 3**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, “*The One Year Bible Challenge*,” you should read the daily materials as set out in “*The One Year Bible*.” The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

2 Samuel 13:1-39 – 21:22

John 17:1-26 – Acts 1:26

Psalms 119:81-96 – 121:8

Proverbs 16:6-7 – 16:18

## Next Week's Reading June 4 – 10

2 Samuel 22:1 – 1 Kings 7:51

Acts 2:1 – 7:-50

Psalm 122:1 – 128:6

Proverbs 16:19 – 16:33

## Discussion Questions:

### Old Testament

- Why didn't David punish Amnon for raping Tamar?

### New Testament

1. Did Pilate want to crucify Jesus? Why did he finally agree to do so?
2. Pilate wrote the title to be placed on the cross, "*JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.*" The chief priests of the Jews told Pilate, the title should actually read "*he said, I am King of the Jews.*" John 19:19-21. Which title was more accurate?

### FOOTNOTE:

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# Week 21, One Year Bible Challenge: "Nobody's Perfect"

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Mary Anointing Jesus Feet,  
by Sir Peter Paul Rubens  
(1577 – 1640)

1 Samuel 29:1 – 2 Samuel 12:31

John 11:55 – 16:33

Psalms 118:1 – 119:80

Proverbs 15:24 – 16:5

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Psalms 119:81-96 – 121:8

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### **Discussion Questions:**

#### Old Testament

1. In 1 Samuel 31:1-7, Saul and his armor-bearer were overtaken by their enemies in battle, and each fell on his own sword to kill himself. Did the armor-bearer act correctly when he refused Saul's order to kill him. Are these deaths properly called "suicide?" How do they compare to the death of Samson in Judges 16:30?
2. God himself called David "a man after his own heart." 1 Samuel 13:14. How do we reconcile God's proclamation with the terrible sins committed by David?

#### New Testament

1. What was the significance of the chief priests' desire to kill Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead? John 12:9-11.
2. Why was it that most of the people did not believe in Jesus, even though he had performed so many miracles right before them? John 12:37-43.

**Discussion Notes:**

- PDF (RECOMMENDED, especially for printing)
- HTML (web browser)

**FOOTNOTE:**