

Palm Sunday to Pentecost

What are the fruit of the Spirit? How are these different to the acts of the flesh?

What happens when we are crucified with Christ (v24)?

Even when keeping in step with the Spirit, what do we need to be careful of? Why?

This week what could you commit to, so you are living under the Resurrected King?

Study 4: Living under the Resurrected King.

Readings: John 13:1 – 17, 31 - 35
Galatians 5:13 - 25

In Christ we die to sin that we may live a new life for God. In many of Paul's letters he encourages his readers to live this new life. In Galatians 5:13 we are set free not to indulge ourselves but to serve one another.

When Jesus taught the disciples in the upper room before his betrayal, trial and death Jesus similarly encouraged his disciples to show their discipleship in serving others.

Read John 13:1 – 17, 31 – 35:

On Maundy Thursday we traditionally read the first part of John 13. How does Jesus demonstrate his servanthood?

What else does his actions teach?

When Jesus explains his actions in v12ff, what does he want the disciples to do?

Not only does Jesus speak of being a servant but also a messenger. Why is it important to keep both ideas in mind when thinking of the role we are to take on?

In v33 Jesus warns that he will be with them only a little longer, why does he tell his disciples this?

In v34 Jesus gives a new commandment, what is it? Why is it important?

How does our life show who we follow?

Read Galatians 5:13 - 25:

What are we to use our freedom for?

Paul quotes from Leviticus 19:18, how is this similar and also built upon in Jesus' command in John 13?

What is the antidote to self-indulgence in v16?

Why is this so?

Why are the acts of the flesh obvious?