

# THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

## CHAPTER 25 – JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

### DISCUSSION OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

- ❶ What is God saying?
- ❷ For what does this section lead me to give thanks? (See God's grace and promises!)
- ❸ What sins does this section lead me to confess? (See God's expectations for his people)
- ❹ For what does this section lead me to pray? (As you ponder the Word, what needs of heart and life for yourself and others come to mind? Consider every word you read as an invitation to turn it into a prayer you speak back to your Lord!)

**Key Events:** Jesus' transfiguration, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jewish leaders plot to kill Jesus

### DIGGING IN

- 1) Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah (Christ). After Jesus explained that he would have to suffer and die before rising again Peter began to rebuke him. What kind of Messiah did Peter have in mind?
- 2) Read Jesus words, "Whoever wants to be my disciple . . ." (the paragraph on the bottom of page 353 to the top of 354). What does cross-bearing entail, and why is it so difficult?
- 3) Jesus' transfiguration is recorded on page 354. What was the purpose of his transfiguration?

- 4) What does the account of Lazarus teach us about the following?
- ✓ death for believers
  - ✓ Jesus' humanity
  - ✓ The stubbornness of unbelief
- 5) Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (pg 361) What is the difference between a childlike faith and a childish faith?
- 6) When the rich man came to Jesus to inquire about what he must do to inherit eternal life Jesus told him to go and sell all he had and then to follow after him. (pg 362) Was Jesus teaching that we are saved by works?
- 7) Many people today consider Jesus a great religious teacher but nothing more. Based on Jesus' words and actions in this chapter, how might you react to such a claim?

#### Chapter 26: The Hour of Darkness

Bible Reference: Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 13-14; 16-19