

## Chapter 25

Jesus, the Son of God

Day One – You are the Christ!

**Today's reading:** Page 353 through break on page 358

**This reading covers:** Matthew 16-17; Mark 8-9; John 7-8

**Summary:** Peter's words clearly express the truth about who Jesus is.

### **Consider this:**

Have you ever just “got it”? Maybe you've been wondering about something for a while and then it becomes crystal clear. You got it! That must be what happened to Peter when Jesus asked in Matthew 16:13, “Who do people say the son of Man is?” As he began thinking about this, God brought it into focus for him. “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.”

**For further reading:** John 1:29-34; 11:21-27

### **Prayer:**

Father, thank you for Peter's clear declaration of Jesus. Help me to stand and state clearly that Jesus is the Christ! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Two – True Life

**Today's reading:** Break on page 358 through break on page 363

**This reading covers:** Mark 10; John 11

**Summary:** Life is not the absence of death, but the presence of Jesus.

### **Questions to consider:**

Lazarus had died. Jesus raised him from the dead. Yet Lazarus would one day die again. So what is true life? It must be found beyond the here and now.

**For further reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

### **Prayer:**

Father, thank you for making true life available to me through Jesus Christ. Help me to see the temporary nature of all that is around me, and help me to focus on things that are eternal. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Day Three – Clear Purpose

**Today's reading:** Break on page 363 through end of chapter

**This reading covers:** Matthew 21; Mark 11-14; Luke 22; John 12

**Summary:** Jesus came for one reason.

### **Questions to consider:**

What's your purpose? How would you define the reason you are here? What's it all about? For many, these questions remain unanswered for a lifetime. Jesus knew his purpose and he lived it out to the fullest.

**For further reading:** Matthew 16:21-23; 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34

### **Prayer:**

Father, I'm grateful Jesus perfectly lived out his purpose. Help me to walk close to you so I can understand and then live out my purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.