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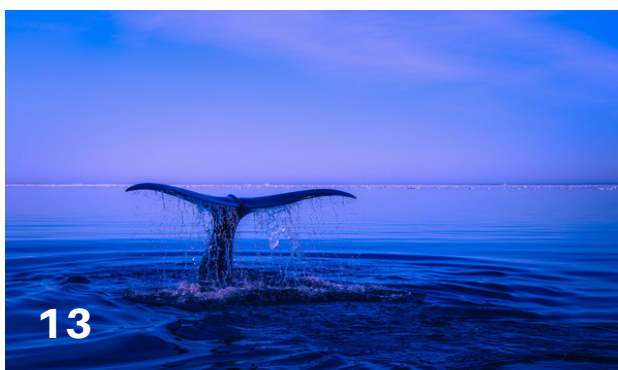
11 Bible studies on Matthew 10-12

Jesus Sends | Dangerous Faith | Welcome Jesus | Prepare the Way | Repent and Believe
Light Burdens | God's Mercy | God's Servant | Jesus' Power | Miracles and Signs | Jesus' Family

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Introduction

MATTHEW CHAPTERS 10-12

In chapter 10, Jesus sent out his twelve disciples and gave instructions on what they were to face.

In chapter 11, he spoke about John the Baptist. He also warned those who refused to believe in him and encouraged those who were weary.

In chapter 12, Jesus taught about the Sabbath and confronted the Pharisees.

TOPICS COVERED

The eleven Bible studies in this series look at the following topics: Jesus Sends, Dangerous Faith, Welcome Jesus, Prepare the Way, Repent and Believe, Light Burdens, God's Mercy, God's Servant, Jesus' Power, Miracles and Signs, Jesus' Family.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

Each Bible study has four questions. The four questions follow a model based on the anagram READ.

1. Research

Look at the Bible text in more detail.

2. Explore

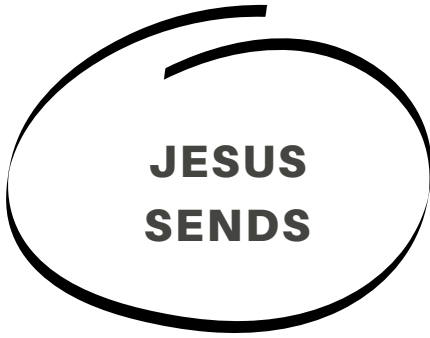
Look for themes throughout the Bible.

3. Apply

Look back at examples from your own life or those around you.

4. Do

Look forward to the future, and plan any changes you need to make.



Matthew 10:1-15

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- What did Jesus mean by the statement - The Kingdom of Heaven has come near (v7)?

The Greek word for apostle means one sent as a messenger. What did Jesus send his disciples to do? (See, for example — Matthew 10:6-8 and 28:18-20; Mark 3:14-15 and 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6)

Can you remember a time in your life when you had to rely on God's provision?

Ask God what you can do to share the Kingdom of Heaven with your community today.



Matthew 10:16-31

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What were the potential dangers that Jesus cautioned his disciples about?

Can you think of any instances in the Bible where Christians have suffered because of their faith in Jesus?

Have you ever experienced persecution for being a Christian?

Research how you can support Christians around the world who are suffering because of their faith.



Matthew 10:32-42

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What did Jesus mean when he said, "I did not come to bring peace..." (v34)?

What does the Bible teach us about hospitality? Why is it important?

Did you experience any rejection from your family and friends after you chose to follow Jesus?

What small act of kindness can you do today to help a fellow Christian believer?



Matthew 11:7-19

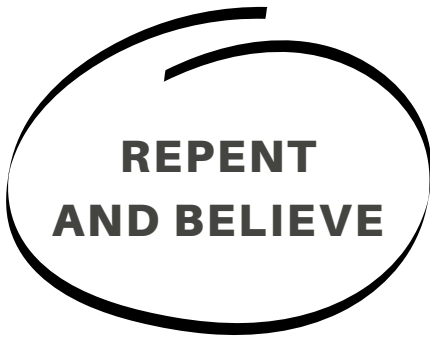
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Why did John the Baptist send his disciples to ask if Jesus was “the one who is to come” (v3)?

Who was John the Baptist, and what was his role?

Can you recall a time when you struggled with doubt?

What can we do to prepare the way for our community to meet Jesus?



Matthew 11:20-24

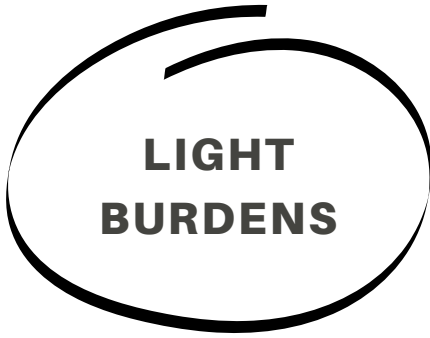
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Why did Jesus perform miracles? Why did he criticise the towns that did not repent?

In which other parts of the Bible are Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom mentioned? What did they do and what happened to them?

What stops you from repenting when God confronts you about your sin?

Pray for your community to see more miracles and for people to repent and turn to Jesus.



Matthew 11:25-30

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What is a yoke? Why does Jesus say his burden is easy and light to carry (v30)?

What does Jesus teach us about little children? (See, for example — Matthew 11:25; 18:1-5; 19:13-15)

Has following Jesus ever felt like a heavy burden? What do you find particularly difficult?

How can we become more like little children? Ask God to take away your weariness and burdens, and give you his rest.



Matthew 12:1-14

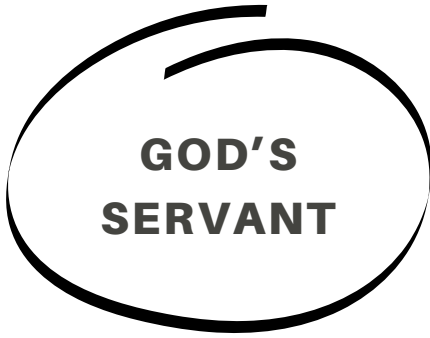
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Compare the behaviour of the Pharisees with that of Jesus and his disciples in this passage. How should we keep the Sabbath?

Jesus quotes from Hosea 6:6, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." In the context of Hosea's story, what does this mean? Why did Jesus refer to this verse?

How has God been merciful to you?

Does God want you to be merciful to someone today? Ask him to help you do this.



Matthew 12:15-21

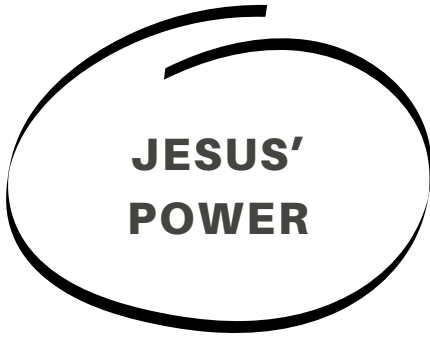
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Why did Jesus warn those he healed not to tell others about him? (v16)

How did Jesus fulfil the prophecy in Isaiah 42:1-4?

Has God ever told you to keep quiet about something he has done in your life?

Does God want you to pray for someone's healing today?



Matthew 12:22-37

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Why did the Pharisees claim Jesus used demonic power to drive out demons (v24)? How did Jesus respond?

What is blasphemy against the Spirit? (See, for example — Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-29; Luke 12:10)

What can we do to avoid developing the same attitude as the Pharisees?

How can we store good things in our hearts so that the fruit we produce is good?



Matthew 12:38-45

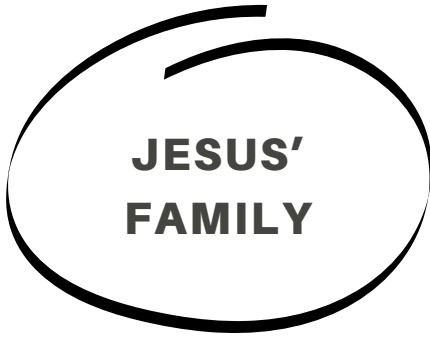
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Jesus had already performed many miracles (see Matthew 11:4-5). What kind of sign do you think the Pharisees wanted to see?

What does Jesus mean by 'the sign of the prophet Jonah' (v39) and 'something greater than Solomon' (v42)?

What convinced you to believe in Jesus?

Ask God to reveal himself to those in your community who haven't accepted Jesus. Pray that they would receive him and not harden their hearts.



Matthew 12:46-50

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Why did Jesus' mother and brothers want to talk to him?

What does it mean to be a part of Jesus' family? (See, for example — John 1:12-13; Romans 8:15-17; Hebrews 13:1)

Have you ever been rejected or criticised by your family because of your faith?

Pray for any members of your family who are not yet Christians.

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