Ch 25: Jesus the Son of God Workbook

Day One

Read: Mark 8:1-38

1. What warning does Jesus give the blind man at Bethsaida?

Why do you think He may have said this?

2. What warning does Jesus give Peter when he He acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah?

Why do you think He may have said this?

3. Why do you think Jesus responded the way He did to Peter's "rebuke"?

Jesus came to accomplish God's purposes on this earth. We have a Lower Story perspective that often seems completely contrary to the Upper Story purpose. What is God showing you through this passage about perspective and purpose? How does He want to apply this specifically to your life? Write a prayer in response.

Read: Matt 11:1, 13:10, 20:17-18, 24:3, 28:16-20; Mark 4:34; Mark 13:1-36

1. What do all of these passages have in common?

Who is present?

2. Why does Jesus say He speaks in parables?

3. What do you notice about the conversations that occur when it's just Jesus and His disciples?

Intimacy is KEY to a relationship with Jesus Christ and his disciples. Time alone, fully focused on His voice, His presence and His Word are basic to following Christ. What is God showing you about your personal relationship with Him? What adjustments or arrangements could you make to insure that you have intimate time to listen to His voice? Write a prayer in response. For the remainder of the week include "In the Garden", or a hymn of your choice, as part of your devotional time. I have included the lyrics on the next page.

In The Garden

I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses And the voice I hear falling on my ear The Son of God discloses.

Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice, Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

Refrain

Day Three

Read: John 11:1-53

1. How do vv.5-6 look from a Lower Story perspective?

Can you think of a similar experience from your own life?

- 2. How did Martha react to Jesus's delay?
- 3. What verse/verses reveal the Upper Story of Christ's delay?

4. What was the result of Christ's delay?

Upper Story purposes are accomplished by Upper Story timing. God's timing is about HIS purposes. How does God want to apply this passage in your life? In what area/situation do you need to seek/submit to God's Upper Story timing? Write a prayer in response.

Day Four

Read: Matt 9:36, 15:32; John 11:5, 11:11,33-35,38; 12:27, 13:1, 19:28; Matt 26:36-46.

 List the verses above and beside each note how Jesus humanity is revealed.
 (I will start you off...)

Matt 9:36 - Jesus feel compassion Matt 15:32 - How does it affect you to see Christ's humanity? What is He showing you about coming to Him with your own struggles? How is He speaking you personally through this passage? Write a prayer in response.

Day Five

Read Matt 16:13-17:6

"Who do you say that I am?" He is still asking that question of us today. For your devotional time today go for a walk or find a special place to sit and meditate on this passage and then write Him a letter in response to that question.