

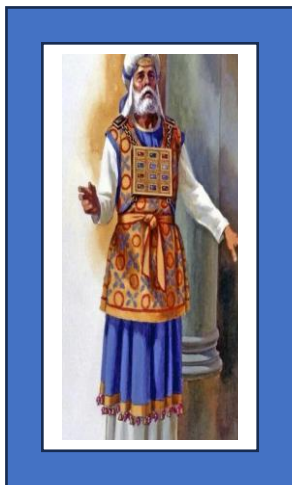
Jesus being exalted as Lord

When the Jewish High Priest asked Jesus, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the living God?” Jesus replied, “You say so”. When the Roman governor asked, Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so”. What did Jesus mean by this enigmatic reply to his accusers, “You say so”.

At a significant point of Jesus popular healing ministry in Galilee, Jesus asked the 12 disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (16;16). Jesus announced that God had given Peter this revelation and began to explain what God meant by this. He would have to suffer many things from the Jerusalem leadership and be killed and on the third day, be raised from death. Alarmed at his pessimism, Peter began to rebuke Jesus and say that this would never happen. Jesus pushed back accusing Peter of being on Satan’s and man’s side, and not on the side of God. Peter got the words right but the meaning wrong. So too, had the High Priest and Roman Governor, conveniently, for their immediate political advantage!

In this third term of the Bible talks, we will follow the intrigues of those who opposed and killed Jesus and how his disciples, especially Matthew, struggled to work out God’s intent in of all of this. This is the constant dilemma for Christians today. They are challenged to be true to the eternal kingdom of God rather than to follow the patterns of Satan and deciding for the short-term advantage for themselves in the kingdom of their small and time-bound world.

We invite you to join us in working this through under Matthew’s guidance.



A Jewish High Priest protecting an institution from a prophet who claims to be the Son of the God



A Roman Governor who wishes to maintain his office against persistent complaints about poor performance



An enthusiastic supporter of the Galilean prophet who wishes to help establish the Kingdom Jesus preaches

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According to Matthew

31 July	The Preparation for Jesus' Death	Matt 26:1-16
07 Aug	The Institution of the Lord's Supper	Matt 26:17-30
14 Aug	The Events in the Garden	Matt 26:30-57
21 Aug	The Trial before the High Priest	Matt 26: 57-27:2
28 Aug	The Trial before the Roman governor	Matt 27:1-26
04 Sept	The Crucifixion of Jesus	Matt 27:26-54
11 Sept	The Resurrection of Jesus	Matt 27:55-28:18
18 Sept	The Commissioning of the Disciples	Matt 28:18-20

Wednesday Lunch Time Bible Talks

Bishop Reg Piper

31 July to 18 September 2024

St Michael's Church Hall

Corner Church & Market Streets

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