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**Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)**

## The Authority of Jesus Questioned

<sup>23</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

<sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>25</sup> John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?'"

<sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

## The Parable of the Two Sons

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

<sup>29</sup> "I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

<sup>30</sup> "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

<sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

<sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A BIG thank-you to all. It looks like we will be putting 40 boxes together. Many items have been hand-made by Beulah, Mavis, Susie and Meg. It is nice to offer children with nothing something made with love. If you would like your items to be picked up, please contact Meg.

"Positive anything is better than negative nothing."  
~ Elbert Hubbard

**Philippians 2:1-13 (NIV)**

## Imitating Christ's Humility

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

## Do Everything Without Grumbling

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

. "In every day, there are 1,440 minutes.

That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact." ~ Les Brown

## PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth's daughter Tina, who is continuing to have medical problems.
- We continue to pray for the extended Murray family as they come to terms with the loss of George.
- We give thanks that NSW has been free of new Covid19 cases for some of this week.
- We pray for families travelling as the school holidays commence.
- We continue to pray for Ian Blanch, who has astounded people with his determination to continuing to live to the full.

### Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (NIV)

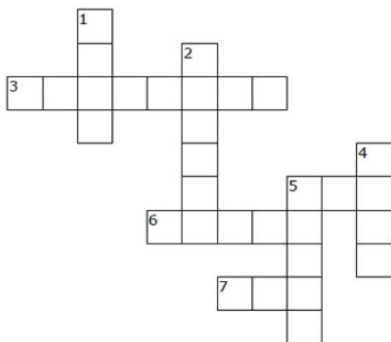
- 1 My people, hear my teaching;  
listen to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth with a parable;  
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
- 3 things we have heard and known,  
things our ancestors have told us.
- 4 We will not hide them from their descendants;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
his power, and the wonders he has done.
- 12 He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors  
in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.
- 13 He divided the sea and led them through;  
he made the water stand up like a wall.
- 14 He guided them with the cloud by day  
and with light from the fire all night.
- 15 He split the rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them water as abundant as the seas;
- 16 he brought streams out of a rocky crag  
and made water flow down like rivers.



### The Parable of the Two Sons

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Based on Matthew 21:28-32



#### ACROSS

- 3. A place where grapes are grown
- 5. The number following one
- 6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
- 7. An adult male

#### DOWN

- 1. A person's male children
- 2. A male parent
- 4. To perform a job or task
- 5. To have an opinion or idea about something



### Meg's Musings

I love the fact that spring seems to be a season which keeps on giving.

The freesia flowers have wilted in the warmer weather, and the pink May is looking bedraggled after a sharp thunderstorm, but other flowers are making their presence felt.

The white and lilac irises are still blooming, and there are lots of deep purple irises in bud. I'm looking forward to when they are in full bloom.

Our roses are starting to form buds, and hold the promise of future beauty and perfume.

The broad beans have masses of flowers on them, but so far the bees don't seem to have ventured into our backyard. Maybe I need a direction sign so that the bees can find their way from the rosemary and lavender in the front yard, to the broad beans in the backyard?

The parsley is rocketing along, and forms an intense green mass.

Some geranium bushes are flowering prolifically, whilst others seem to be waiting their turn.

So much growth and beauty.

Are we ready to let go of past adventures and experiences, and move forward, knowing that Jesus is there to share the journey with us?

Our gardens are happy to let go, and move forward into the new season and new growth.

Blessings from Meg



Yesterday you said tomorrow. Just do it. ~ Nikev

### Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

#### Water From the Rock

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

<sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

<sup>5</sup> The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

29 September ~ Athol Whitten

30 September ~ John Murray



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