



Peel Valley Congregation

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Revelations 21:1-6 (NIV)

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Acts 11:1-18 (NIV)

Peter Explains His Actions

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story:

⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.

⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds.

⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

⁸ “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’

¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.

¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house.

¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.

¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Psalms 148

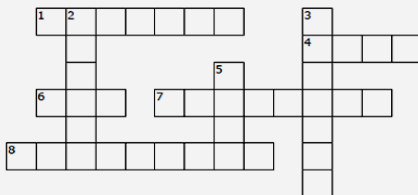


A New Commandment

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34

This puzzle is based on John 13:31-35 (NIV)

“Love one another as I have loved you.”



ACROSS

- An order or a rule given with authority
- To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
- The opposite of old
- Boys and girls between birth and puberty
- Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

DOWN

- People aside from oneself
- To give praise and honour to God or a person
- A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for a safe and happy trip to Europe for Susie Budden.
- We continue to pray for Shirley Whitten.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We pray for the many people who are suffering, or recovering from, Covid19 at the moment.



Meg's Musings

Much has been said, and written, about the political debate last Sunday night between Scott Morrison and Anthony Albanese. It seemed to bring out the "shouty" worst in the politicians. They are used to the "robust" atmosphere of Parliament House, and they brought that atmosphere with them. To me, it seemed to indicate the need for a different approach to politics. If shouting and talking over each other is the best that they can manage, then perhaps it is time for others to take over. In one of the readings for this week, Jesus tells us to "love one another as I have loved you". Jesus said this just a few hours before he was arrested. At a time when each moment counted, that was his legacy. Is it possible in our modern world for people to take the words of Jesus more seriously, and more personally?
Blessing from Meg

CHURCH SERVICES

22 May 11 am West ~ Meg Mangan
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Peel Valley Congregation
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Friday, 20th May, from 10:00am to midday at Hallsville Uniting Church.

All proceeds from the morning tea, and all takings from the Op Shop for that day will go to the Cancer Council.

If anyone would like a lift there, please contact Meg.

If anyone is able to bring along any cooking, that would be great.

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

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

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John 13:31-35 (NIV)

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him.

³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

³⁵ **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."**

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20 May ~ Shirley Whitten



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