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WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE TEACH REGARDING THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST?

1. It _____ the belief that the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus was an _____ end to the life of a good man.

★ God is ultimately _____, but man is _____ for his actions (Matthew 14:21).
2. It disproves the belief that the _____ mission was to alleviate the _____ of people in this life.

★ Man’s greatest problem is _____ (Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10).
3. The _____ suffering and death of Jesus, along with His resurrection are the central _____ truths of the Christian faith
(1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 1 Peter 1:3-9).

STRUGGLES WE SHARE WITH THE DISCIPLES:

1. Lack of _____.
2. _____.

WHAT SHOULD THE TRUTH OF GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY PRODUCE IN OUR LIVES?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____ in our role as His
_____.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- ◆ How have our shared struggles with the disciples affected how I think, how I spend my time, and how I minister to others?
- ◆ How have I prioritized (be specific) making Jesus’ primary mission my primary mission? What changes do I need to make in my priorities?
- ◆ How can glorying in the sovereignty of God produce true, lasting joy in my life?

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WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE TEACH REGARDING THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST?

1. It disproves the belief that the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus was an unfortunate end to the life of a good man.

★ God is ultimately responsible, but man is accountable for his actions (Matthew 14:21).
2. It disproves the belief that the primary mission was to alleviate the sufferings of people in this life.

★ Man’s greatest problem is sin (Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10).
3. The voluntary suffering and death of Jesus, along with His resurrection are the central saving truths of the Christian faith
(1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 1 Peter 1:3-9).

STRUGGLES WE SHARE WITH THE DISCIPLES:

1. Lack of understanding.
2. Fear.

WHAT SHOULD THE TRUTH OF GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY PRODUCE IN OUR LIVES?

1. Dependence.
2. Humility.
3. Faithfulness in our role as His ambassadors.

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