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WEEK FOUR ANSWERS

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According to Jesus' quote from Isaiah, what distinguishes false worship? -honoring man's ideas and traditions above God's Word

What had the Pharisees mistaken for true holiness? -ritual, outward cleanness

How did the Gentile woman show great faith? -She believed Jesus was the Lord, the Davidic Messiah, and that he had healing grace for her even though she was a Gentile and made a nuisance of herself to get it.

January 24 **Matthew 15:29-16:12**

What signs were the Pharisees and Saducees unable to interpret? -Jesus' miraculous signs of healing and feeding were powerful signs that Jesus was the Messiah. Their demand for additional signs showed their evil hearts. So, too, it is evil today to expect Christ to prove himself over and over to those who demand it.

January 25 **Matthew 16:13--17:9**

What is the truth upon which the Church is built? -Jesus is the long expected Messiah, the Son of God. This belief, not being good or trying hard, makes one a Christian.

Why did Jesus tell them to keep it secret? -People were apt to get the wrong idea and try to stop Him from going to the Cross. Even Peter became a tool of Satan and got in His way.

What keeps us going in spite of personal loss when we follow Christ? -We have the promise of future glory after the judgment.

January 26 **Matthew 17:10-27**

Whom did Jesus blame for the death of John the Baptist? -While Herod had John killed, Jesus blamed his suffering on the rejection of the religious leaders and saw Himself headed to that same destiny.
Did the Temple and its tax represent Jesus' kingdom? -No, it better represented the oppressors.

January 27 **Matthew 18:1-20**

This fourth discourse follows narrative showing the difference between people important in the world and those important in heaven. What one word describes those who are important to God? -Children
What are they like? -humble, repentant
How should they be treated? -They should be welcomed, accepted, honored and protected from sinning and slander, as responsible moral agents.

January 28 **Matthew 18:21-19:12**

When a person has been forgiven of all their sins by God, how should they respond to being sinned against? -with full and free forgiveness.

Why did the disciples say, "It is better not to marry"? -Jesus had just said nothing short of adultery allows you to divorce and remarry.

January 29 **Matthew 19:13-30**

Why did Jesus bring up the commands in reference to eternal life? -The commands should have convinced the young man he had fallen short and that there is only One who is good and eternal life must be bestowed as a gift.
Why did Jesus tell him to sell all? -To show him he still loved money more than God and eternal life.