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St John the Evangelist Church
Dickson Street Lambton Est. 1873



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Platt Street Waratah Est. 1917



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◆ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ◆ YEAR A ◆ 10 MAY 2020 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Parish Mass Celebrations

Mass will be streamed from each of our three (3) Churches every weekend via [facebook](#):

Lambton: 5:00PM (Vigil)
New Lambton: 9:15AM (Sunday)
Waratah: 5:30PM (Sunday)

Sunday Mass Celebration

While the COVID-19 restrictions are in place Bishop William (Bill) Wright will celebrate Mass every Sunday at 9:30AM live streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>. Mass can be viewed at a later time via the same link. Please share the link with family and friends, and gather to pray as a spiritual community at this difficult of physical isolation.

Pastoral Visitation

If you would like a priest to visit, please enquire by phone or email at the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are still available for anyone upon request. Simply contact the parish secretaries with your intentions. If you have names of sick, deceased or anniversaries for the bulletin, and Mass, these need to be in relatively early to make the bulletin. Remember you need the person's or family's permission for publication.

FROM OUR PASTORS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ

We want to thank you for your support and cooperation during these ever changing times. We wish to assure you, that though you are out of our sight, you are certainly not out of our thoughts. You are all in our daily celebration of the Eucharist and prayers. Let's continue to pray for the health and well-being of all people so that in God's time we can come back to God's temple to worship Him as a gathered Eucharistic community. Also, we thank you all for your prayers and continued support both spiritually and financially.

We will continue to live-stream Mass until such time restrictions have been lifted and appreciate your support and participation.

May the risen Lord bless you, and your families, with His peace and keep you all safe.

Fr Sabu and Fr Camillus



◆ LITURGY OF THE WORD ◆

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1
Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18
Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23
Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

HOMILY

by Richard Leonard

For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

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◆ SCRIPTURE RELECTIONS ◆

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Mutual Indwelling

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

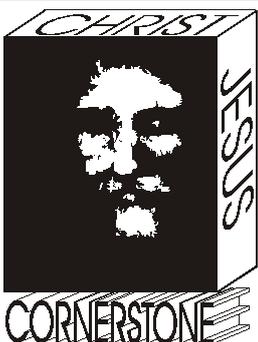
'Nice guys finish last.' 'Look out for Number One.' 'Be the "me" generation.' Have you ever heard these sayings? What kind of lifestyle do they promote? Why do you think they became popular? Can a person really live an active Christian lifestyle without opposing this philosophy of life? Why or why not?

What do you think are the most important things in life? What does society, the mainstream culture in our country, say are the most important things in life? What does Jesus say are the most important things in life? How does all that relate to service?

The sandal is a symbol of service. How and why do you think a sandal symbolises service?



A VOCATION VIEW



The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today. For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.

FEAST DAYS

14 May: Saint Matthias, Apostle
24 May: The Ascension of the Lord
31 May: Pentecost Sunday
7 Jun: The Most Holy Trinity
14 Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ
29 Jun: Saints Peter and Paul
3 Jul: Saint Thomas, Apostle
22 Jul: Saint Mary Magdalene

FEAST

◆ PRAYERS ◆

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

Light a candle to symbolize the Light of Christ and Light of the World. Below is our Prayer of the Faithful.



Introduction: United as God's own people let us now pray for the needs of the world and for the work of the Church.

1. That the Body of Christ in every culture will witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That all governments will serve the needs of all citizens with openness and charity. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That the young and old reborn through the Easter sacraments dwell in Christ's love. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That those who are lonely and sad will experience God's friendship through others. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That those struggling in their faith will know Jesus as their way and life. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That all may proclaim God's vision of light and peace in the face of darkness and despair. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. That all who have died may be received into the loving arms of our God; that their relatives and friends receive consolation and healing. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Wise and loving God, during these Easter days you bring new life into the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Accept our prayers and sustain our deeds and words by your Spirit. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for:

Sick:

Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Gerard Harvey, Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Robert Watson, Paul Mowbray, Maureen Ashlett, Gary Herschel, Shelley Smith.

Recently Deceased: Jack Maretich

Anniversaries:

Fr Eugene Luckie, Fr John Delaney

During this time Intentions for publication may be submitted by email (or phone) by midday Monday each week ahead. Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.



MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Family Rosary Relay for [The Archbishop's Intentions](#).



From the 1st to the 31st of May, you are invited to participate in the Archbishop's Rosary Relay. Families are asked to nominate and pray one decade of the rosary on a day of their choice.

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Family-Rosary-Relay-Prayer-Resource-v2.0-RF.pdf>

A MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Loving God, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
Amen.



Original Source of this prayer is unknown

PRAYER ON THE CORONA PANDEMIC

By Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is currently Vicar General in the Archdiocese and is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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PARISH

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Weekly Bulletin

Our weekly bulletin is available every Thursday after 4:30PM:

- Soft copy - parish website, Facebook page, email
- Hard copy - is available for pick up while on your daily constitutional: on the Presbytery verandahs at [Lambton](#) and [Waratah](#), and at the screen door at Parish House [New Lambton](#) (door with ramp).

Parish Schools

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a relaxing holiday. We pray for you all as you navigate your way through the changes ahead.

Catholic Schools

[Request an Enrolment Pack](#) via www.mn.catholic.org.au or phone 02 4979 1200 for general enquiries.

Your Financial Support

Whilst all Masses in the Diocese are suspended during this challenging time, our parishes expenses continue, including parish loan repayments, insurance, rates, electricity, wages, telephone, etc. More than ever parishes are in need of the financial support of their parishioners. If you are in a position to financially support the parish you are invited to consider doing so. Our grateful thanks to those of you who continue to contribute.

New 2020 -2021 Planned Giving Envelopes

New envelopes have arrived and the parish secretary is in the process of preparing envelope packs for the new financial year. To save the parish money **NEW NUMBERS WILL BE ALLOCATED**. New contributors are invited to join the program by contacting the parish office. Likewise, if you are current contributors needing to cancel or change your giving, please advise the office beforehand. Please note Direct Debit and Credit Card options are now available. Our grateful thanks to all who are committed to supporting the parish.

Tax Receipts 2019-2020

Parishioners who require a tax receipt for your Planned Giving and Project Compassion for this year please ensure you complete the WHITE CARD in your Planned Giving Packs and return it via post or email by Monday 15 June 2020. Note Direct Debit and Credit Card Givers without a white card may request one via email complete and return.

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Diocesan Website

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CatholicCare Social Services

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P: 02 4979 1120

E: ccenquiries@catholiccare.org.au

W: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/contact-us/>

Development and Relief Agency

In response to Coronavirus (COVID-19), [DARA](#) (Development and Relief Agency) is providing the option of a meal home delivered to anyone who is in need. Contact Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM:

P: 02 4979 1339 **OR** 02 4979 1120 **E:** admin@dara.org.au

W: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/contact-us/>

Project Compassion 2020

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's **Project Compassion** 2020 Lenten appeal. During Covid-19 Restrictions parishioners can present their box donations using the below options. Otherwise hold on to your boxes and return them when our restrictions are lifted. Tax receipts can only be issued if you request one for your deposited donation before 15 June 2020.

METHOD	ACTION REQUIRED
Caritas National Office	Caritas Australia GPO Box 9830 SYDNEY NSW 2001
Toll Free	1800 024 413
Information	Caritas website: https://www.caritas.org.au/
Diocesan Contact	Patricia Banister 0409 300 192
Catholic Development Fund (CDF)	Catholic Development Fund PO Box 765 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300 P: 02 4979 1160
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	Caritas banking details: BSB: 062 217 Account No: 1007 2446 Account name: CARITAS AUSTRALIA Reference: Blackbutt North Parish DoMN Agent No. 441822PC
Project Compassion boxes	If by cash or cheque , deposit at a CBA branch (see Caritas Australia's banking details above) If by credit or debit card contact Caritas National Office or Parish Office direct.
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Credit or Debit Card	Contact National Office or Parish Office directly. Please provide your name and parish name of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.
Donate online	Project Compassion website: https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-donation

Aurora Magazine

[Aurora](#) is the official magazine of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The May edition of Aurora is now available online: https://issuu.com/diomn/docs/aurora_may_2020.

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♦ JUNIOR ACTIVITIES ♦

We are filled with God's spirit

Acts 6:1-7a
Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18, R. v.16
Jn 14:1-12

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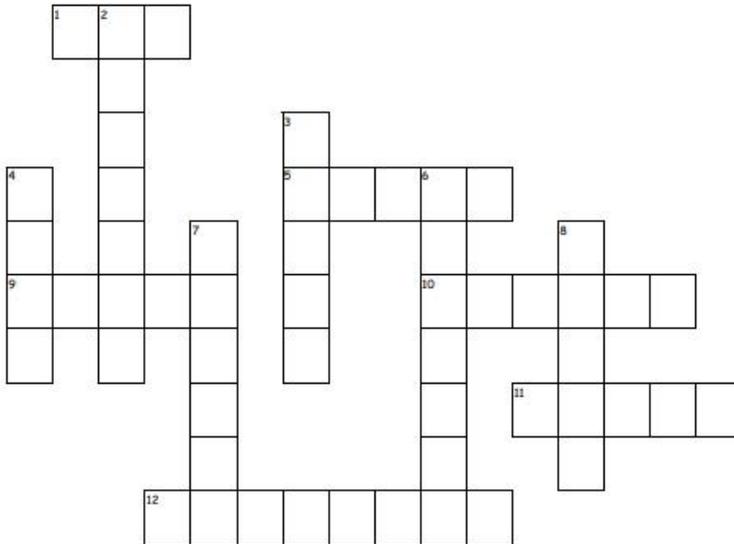
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We are filled with God's spirit

Acts 6:1-7a
Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18, R. v.16
Jn 14:1-12



Across

- 1: Jesus said 'I am the ____, the truth, and the life'
- 5: a house is made of many of these
- 9: belief
- 10: Father, Son and Holy _____
- 11: between six and eight
- 12: the disciples known as the twelve

Down

- 2: the common language spoken by Jesus
- 3: something that is true
- 4: the opposite of death
- 6: information that is passed on to someone else
- 7: this man wanted Jesus to show them the Father
- 8: someone or something from Greece

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Jesus is the way to the Father

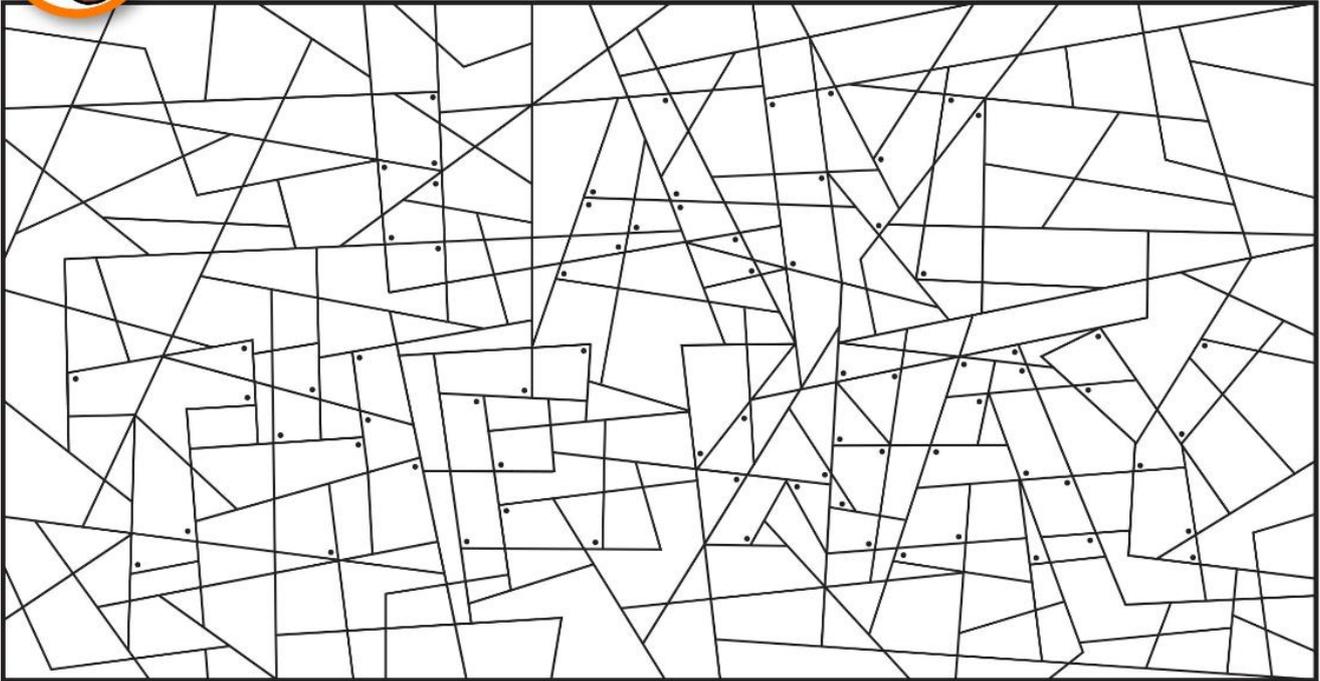


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Color each shape without a dot • a different color, or simply just color in the shapes with a dot •



I am the way, and the truth, and the life.



THE WAY
→

Draw an arrow next to the words below which describe the Way, the Truth and the Life that Jesus wants us to follow.

- LOVE
- PEACE
- GREED
- FORGIVENESS
- CONFLICT
- JUSTICE
- SELFISHNESS
- COMPASSION
- HONESTY
- HATRED

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?



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" _____ come
____ the _____
except _____ ."