

Wiki 7 - Mahuru / September 3

Kaupapa: Ka kōrero a Īhu mō tōna mamaetanga me tōna matenga

Mihimihi / Introduction 10 mins	Kia ora everybody, mihi to tamariki Icebreaker	
<u>Pānui</u> / <u>Reading</u> 5min	Matiu 15: (10-20), 21-28	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
<u>Rārangi o te rā</u>	Nō reira mai anō, i timata ai a Īhu te whakaatu ki āna ākonga, kua takoto te tikanga kia haere ia ki Hiruhārama, ā, he maha ngā mamae e mamae ai ia. <i>Matiu 16: 21</i>	From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering. Matthew 16: 21
Kupu o te rā	Nō reira mai anō	From that time on
Kupu o te rā Activity 20mins	Nō reira mai anō - Activity 1 & 2	From that time on
Activity		From that time on

Resources needed:





Pānui / readings:

Matiu 16: 21-28

Ka timata te panui kei te pukapuka o Matiu, te 16 o ngā upoko, ki te whiti 21

- ²¹ Nō reira mai anō, i timata ai a Īhu te whakaatu ki āna ākonga, kua takoto te tikanga kia haere ia ki Hiruhārama, ā, he maha ngā mamae e mamae ai ia i ngā kaumātua, i ngā tohunga nui, i ngā karaipi, ā ka whakamatea ia, ā, hei te toru o ngā rā ka ara.
- ²² Nā, ka mau a Pita ki a ia, ka anga, ka whakahē ki tāna, ka mea, "Auē! Kauaka, e te Ariki! Kauaka rā tēnei e pā ki a koe."
- ²³ Nā, ka tahuri ia, ka mea ki a Pita, "Haere ki muri i ahau, e Hātana, he tūtukitanga waewae koe ki ahau; kāhore hoki ōu ngākau ki ngā mea a te Atua, engari, ki a te tangata."
- ²⁴ Kātahi a Īhu ka mea ki āna ākonga, "Ki te mea tētahi kia haere mai ki te whai i ahau, me whakakāhore ia e ia anō, me amo tōna rīpeka, ka aru ai i ahau. ²⁵ Ki te whai hoki tētahi kia ora, ka mate anō ia; ki te mate tētahi, mōna i whakaaro ki ahau, ka kite anō ia i te ora. ²⁶ He aha hoki te pai ki te tangata, ki te riro i a ia te ao katoa, ā, ka kore he ora mōna? He aha hoki tā te tangata e hoatu ai hei utu mōna kia ora?
- ²⁷ Tēnei ake hoki ka haere mai te Tama a te tangata, rātou ko āna anahera, i runga i te kōroria o tōna Matua; ā, ko reira hoatu ai e ia ki tēnei, ki tēnei, te utu o tāna mahi. ²⁸ He pono tāku e mea nei ki a koutou, Tēnei anō ētahi e tū nei e kore e pāngia e te mate, kia kite rā anō i te Tama a te tangata e haere mai ana i runga i tōna rangatiratanga."

Matthew 16: 21-28

Today's reading comes from the book of Matthew, chapter 16, beginning at verse 21

- ²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'
- ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
- ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'





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The first four words of our reading "From that time on" suggests a turning point as to what's about to happen sometime in the future; a preparation of sorts. Be it for tomorrow, next week or next year. It marks a turning point in that it signals Jesus' preparing the kingdom of heaven. But for what purpose?

Jesus was attempting to advise his disciples of what was to come by way of his death and resurrection. However his disciples really did not understand what Jesus meant. The disciples did not understand because they were more interested in what Jesus was doing now, on earth. Understandably the disciples thought they were doing the right thing by protecting Jesus to avoid the inevitable and to avoid his prophecies coming true.

Good intentions can come from those who love us and seek to protect us; however we still need to be aware of our individual journeys. We also need to be cautious of advice given from a friend who says, "surely God doesn't want you to face this". Often the most difficult remarks come from those who are only trying to protect us from discomfort. Peter, a friend and a devoted follower believed he was doing exactly that; protecting Jesus from pain and suffering, humiliation and persecution. Peter saw that as his primary objective.

However, when Jesus said "If anyone would come after me, he must take up his cross and follow me"... the disciples knew what he meant. The Romans method of execution was crucifixion and Jesus was preparing himself for the cross. This was a journey that only Jesus could do.

Eventually the disciples understood what was happening, thus allowing the event to run its course. They had to let Jesus go and die on the cross. And this brought about a huge change in their lives.

At times you and I will find ourselves in uncertain situations that are inevitable and struggling to find a solution to this. I believe that the answer is remaining committed to our journey, committed to finding the answer and not giving way to false friendships. For when we give our lives in service to Christ, we discover the real purpose of living.

Amen.





Pātai mō ngā tamariki:

Who here is looking forward to getting older? Being 10, or 16, 18, 20? Or 30 or 40?

Who here is not looking forward to it?

Getting older is inevitable. It is something that we cannot change. Puberty is something that we cannot change!

There are other things that we cannot change. What do you think they are? (The weather, whether we have school tomorrow or not, whether we get sick, etc...) Write these down on a board or large paper

Even though we have to let these things happen, we can talk about getting older, how to prepare for the weather, and what we need to do to make sure that we are ready for kura tomorrow.

This is what Jesus was doing. He couldn't change what was going to happen in the future, but he could prepare people to live with what would happen.

He cared about us enough not to leave us in despair, but was always encouraging his people, instilling them with hope.

The hope that he was sharing was that there is more to life than this worldly stuff. Manaakitanga, aroha, they were greater than simple things that we can touch and feel.





Activity - 1

Life can be easy when it is predictable. But when things are happening that we can't stop from happening (like getting older!) and we don't know how to respond to this, we can feel a bit off balance.

Separate the group into smaller groups and give them one of the 'unpredictable moments' that they have mentioned above. Ask them to have a korero amongst themselves about ways to deal with these moments if/when they get a bit overwhelming. They could write these ideas down.

Share these ideas together when done.

Activity - 2

In term 2 we recognised Pentecost which is when the Holy Spirit came upon the earth like a breath of fresh air. As an activity, we did a breathing exercise. This activity can be used anytime, like when you are starting to feel like things are really stressful and you are having trouble with all the things that you can't control. Let's do it together again today

Ask tamariki to do the following:

Close your eyes

Sit still

Sit quietly with your eyes closed

Listen to your breath

Listen, what else can you hear? Answer in your head

Breathe in

Breathe out

Kia tau te rangimarie

Whakangā (breathe in)

Whakahā (breathe out)

(Say a tamaiti's name) How are you feeling?

(You could repeat this for a couple of tamariki)

Then ask tamariki to open their eyes and feel at peace.

