Weekly Worship Guide 2024 – Week 6

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Memory Verse: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

– Psalm 34:5-6

Shepherding Notes	Family Worship	Bible in a Year
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February 4, 2024 Sunday Service Review

- What was the most encouraging conversation you had at church today? What made it encouraging? How did that person display the love of Christ? How did they point you to Christ?
- What caught your attention more than anything else in the sermon?
- Was there any correction, rebuke, admonishment, or exhortation in the sermon that felt particularly aimed at your life? What was said in the sermon to show that the gospel should propel you to change? Are you willing to repent in that area?
- How did the songs that you sang at church today relate to the sermon that was preached?

February 5 Shepherding Notes – Mark 14

People love courtroom drama: Law and Order, Boston Legal, LA Law, Damages, The Practice, Matlock, Perry Mason, Rumpole of the Bailey. Since television began, there has never been a time when you could surf the channels without bumping into a legal drama of some flavor or another. What is interesting to me about these shows and movies (and the long history of books before that), is that most of the time we (the audience) usually know whether the person is innocent or guilty *before* the beginning of the trial. We usually know the backstory well enough to make our decision about how the court *should* view the case. The drama is not found in whether the person is guilty or innocent, the drama is whether or not the court gets it right. Is justice served?

On the night that Jesus was betrayed and the following morning, He was forced to undergo six trials. (The trial before Annas and the trial before Herod are not found in Mark's account.) The first three were ecumenical trials before the religious leaders. The last three were civic trials before governmental authorities. There was not one branch of government that was left out of the equation of Jesus' death. Groups and individuals who often hated each other and stood as political opponents joined hands for the common cause of crucifying the Savior.

Today we are only considering the ecumenical trial of Caiaphas whereby Jesus was declared guilty of blasphemy and worthy of death. Here are twelve reasons why it was an illegitimate trial according to Scripture and the legal code of the Jews found in the Talmud.

- 1. Night trials were illegal. This trial took place between 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning.
- 2. Bribery and collusion "joining hands with wicked men" is condemned in Exodus 23. They "joined hands" with Judas as well as "seeking false testimony against Jesus." (Matt. 27:59)
- 3. It was illegal to begin court proceedings without an official charge. Mark 14:55 tells us that they arrested Him without probable cause and were fishing for a reason after the fact.
- 4. Location It was illegal to have a trial anywhere but the Chamber of Hewn Stone in the temple complex. This was so that impartial witnesses could be present. Jesus was tried at the high priest's house.
- 5. It was illegal to have a trial the day before the Sabbath so that people could prepare.
- 6. It was illegal to have a trial right before a high holy day. This trial was treated like a Friday news dump that they wanted to get lost in the shuffle of the holiday.
- 7. Capital cases required a day between the trial and sentencing to ensure that there was not any hasty judgment. Jesus was condemned by Caiaphas around 3am and was on a cross six hours later.
- 8. It was illegal to make a judgment based upon one witness. (Deut. 19:15) Even though the Sanhedrin could not find two witnesses in agreement, they still condemned Him.
- 9. The high priest was not allowed to speak, but only served as the tie-breaker vote. In this case, Caiaphas overstepped and led the proceedings.
- 10. The defense was never allowed to make a case a major breach of Jewish law.
- 11. The "jury" was rigged. Mark 14 says that "ALL condemned Him." But, there were a few that were not present (we know of Joseph of Arimathea (Luke 23:50-51), and Nicodemus (John 19:39). It seems that they hand selected the priests that were unsympathetic to Jesus.
- 12. Jesus was condemned by Caiaphas for blasphemy, but they told Pilate that He was being charged for sedition.

Before you get all high and mighty and condemn Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin for their sins, please recognize that you once stood in the place of Caiaphas. You declared Jesus a fraud. You stood in shameful opposition to the rightful King of the Universe. Jesus died in place of sinners. "The just for the unjust." (1 Peter 3:18) There is only one perfectly just person, and He experienced injustice in order to save unjust people like us.

<u>February 5 - Family Worship</u>

Read Genesis 29

Discussion Questions:

- What does the name Jacob mean? (Liar, usurper) How has Jacob lived up to that name so far in Genesis? (He has displayed a pattern of dishonesty and mischievous attempts to gain what does not belong to him.) How have the tables turned on Jacob in this chapter?
- How long did Jacob agree to work in order to have the right to marry Rachel? (At first, seven years.) Laban lied to Jacob and instead gave Leah to him as a wife. Now that he was already married to Leah, how much longer did Jacob commit to working in order to marry Rachel? (Seven more years.) How long did Jacob wait to marry Rachel after he married Leah? (One week.)
- Leah is a very pitiable figure in these events. She didn't do anything wrong, yet she was treated poorly. Her father used her as a trick against Jacob. Verse 31 says that Leah "was hated." Verse 17 says that she had "weak eyes" which may mean that she had trouble seeing, or may mean that there was some physical abnormality with her eyes that caused Jacob to think that she was not very pretty. Verse 31 says that the Lord saw her affliction and gave her the ability to have children. What does this teach us about the heart of God toward those who experience mistreatment.
- Look at the end of the chapter again. What did Leah name her four children and what saying did she have for each one? What was she expecting the first three children to gain her? (She thought they would make Jacob love her.) How do you see Leah's heart change in what she says about her fourth son? (She is no longer chasing Jacob's affection as the most important thing in life. She is instead ready to praise the Lord even if she doesn't get what she wants.

Song: Give Me Jesus

Prayer Focus: Pray for the health and safety of the Wiese family.

Family Activity: 'OT / NT'

Parents, name a character of the Bible and have your child(ren) say whether or not that person is found in the Old Testament or New Testament. You can vary the difficulty by age and familiarity with the Word. (Example: Is Bartimaeus found in the NT or OT? – NT)

- Lamentations 4
- Lamentations 5

February 6 Shepherding Notes – Mark 15

Today we have reached the heart of the entire Bible. The cross is the central event in all of history. Everything that had ever happened before this moment was flowing to it, and everything that has happened since has flowed from it. Your life, whether you recognize it or not, is defined by the cross. We are going to zoom in on one very small portion of this chapter. Consider the sarcastic accusation that the chief priests and scribes levied against Jesus in verse 31. "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

Think back to the prophet Elijah and the contest that took place on Mount Carmel. Whichever God answered by sending fire was to be acknowledged as the true God. Do you remember how Elijah taunted the priests of Baal as they were doing everything in their power to get their pagan deity to listen to them? He said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." (1 Kings 18:27)

That taunting and jeering had now turned away from an idol that deserved it and was instead aimed at the Lord of the universe. The religious rulers were taunting Jesus, claiming that if He had real power He could prevent the brutal punishment of the cross.

Jesus did remain on the cross. Not because of His limitations, but because of His commitment. He remained there due to His love, not His lack. In John 10:18 Jesus said, "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." Jesus remained on the cross as a willful act of obedience.

Jesus had told Nicodemus back in John 3:14-15, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." The taunts of the chief priests said that they would believe if Jesus came down, but that is precisely the reason He stayed up. For the sake of our salvation, Jesus remained suspended between heaven and earth. They were completely wrong, but their statement would have been correct if they would have said, "He saved others BY not saving Himself." It was one or the other, and He chose us.

In the wonderful hymn 'How Deep the Father's Love for Us,' one line says, "Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished!" If you have been saved by God's grace, then you know that you used to be one of those scoffers. Your voice joined the chorus of the chief priests and scribes against the Son of God. What amazing love and kindness Jesus has shown in His commitment to save the very people who have scoffed at Him.

February 6 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 30

Discussion Questions:

- Rachel and Leah began competing over who could have children. They even made their servants get involved in the competition. This battle was silly and sinful. Have you ever fought about something ridiculous before? What does that kind of wicked rivalry reveal about your heart? What are some godly attributes that are lacking in a relationship like that? (Love, humility, kindness, peace, etc.)
- What does the bad example of Jacob's marriages teach us about the nature of marriage itself specifically, how many people should you marry? (Marriage is designed to be one man and one woman till separated by death. Every time the Bible shows a man married to multiple women, it turns out to be a disaster.)
- Jacob had become a hard worker over the previous 14 years. In verse 33, he also claims to Laban that he is an honest man. It does appear that Jacob's character had been significantly transformed. After his encounter with the Lord at Bethel, Jacob seems like a new person. What do we call the process of transformation that God works in the lives of people who follow Him? (Sanctification.)

Song: <u>The Solid Rock</u>

Prayer Focus: Pray for the financial support and security of the Wiese family.

Family Activity: Quiz Mom and/or Dad (requires that your kids can read)

Have your kids take their Bibles and select a verse from one of the following five books of the Bible: Exodus, 1 Kings, Job, Mark, or Galatians. (No peeking mom and dad!) Have each of your children read three consecutive verses from anywhere in the book they selected. Parent(s) You must make an educated guess as to what book, chapter, and verse they read. If you got the book right, you get 1 point. If you get the book and chapter right, you get 3 points. If you get the book, chapter, and the verse you selected was in the range of verses that your child read, you get five points. If you miss all of them, your child(ren) gets 4 points. First to 12 points wins.

- Read Leviticus 1
- Read Leviticus 2

February 7 Shepherding Notes – Mark 16

I don't know about you, but I love good books. Often, the ending makes all the difference in my rating of the book. Today we have arrived at the conclusion of Mark's gospel account. The way that the book ends might surprise you. If you take a close look at the footnotes in your Bible, you will notice that verses 9-20 are not part of the earliest and most reliable manuscripts of the Bible. In other words, the book of Mark actually ends at verse 8. (If you would like to know more about what is going on with verses 9-20, I highly recommend this sermon.)

As usual, Mark provides us with fewer details than the other gospel authors. He leaves out all of the events Jesus meeting in the upper room with the disciples, the restoration of Peter, and the ascension. In fact, the book concludes with the women who had gone to the tomb leaving in fear.

The main point that Mark is getting across in his condensed gospel is simple and powerful: JESUS IS ALIVE! Or, as the angel said it, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here."

The most condensed and simplified explanation of the gospel that we ever find in the Bible is found in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, in which Paul says, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." The gospel is not just that Jesus died for us, but that He was also brought back to life to rule forever as our King.

Acts 2:24 and 2:32, Peter explained to the crowds what had happened like this, "God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it... This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses."

The resurrection means everything for believers. For as Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." (1 Corinthians 15:17) The fact that Jesus was raised to life also has significant meaning for our daily lives. Consider the following four ways that Scripture teaches that we are affected by the resurrection of Jesus.

Regeneration - If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Justification — But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (Romans 4:23-25)

Sanctification – We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

Glorification - ...knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (2 Corinthians 4:14)

February 7 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 31

Discussion Questions:

- What are the two reasons that Jacob determined that it was time to leave Laban? (Laban's household was turning against Jacob. More importantly, the Lord commanded Jacob to go back to the land of his fathers in verse 3.)
- Rachel shows contempt for her father by stealing his household idols. The pattern of deception and wickedness in this family continues. How did Rachel lie and convince her father that she did not have his idols? (By sitting on them and hiding them underneath herself.) Did Jacob know that she had them? (No.)
- Why do you think Rachel stole the idols? (The text does not say explicitly, but it could be one of a number of reasons. Maybe she wanted to get back at her father for mistreating Jacob. Perhaps she was still angry at her father for giving Leah to Jacob as a wife. It is possible the Rachel was still an idol worshiper and that she continued to pray to those household idols until Jacob makes all of his household get rid of their idols in chapter 35.) Was it right for her to take them? What does the Bible teach us about stealing? (No, it was wrong of her to steal. God teaches us in the Scripture that stealing is wrong.)
- How did God protect Jacob from Laban in this chapter? (By warning Laban in a dream to leave Jacob alone.) Even though God spoke to Laban in a dream, Laban was still chasing after his false gods (household idols) that could not speak. Why do you think Laban kept pursuing false gods even after encountering the One True God? (Because Laban was an unbelieving, pagan man who did not believe that there is only one God.)

Song: Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Prayer Focus: Pray for the effectiveness of the ministry of the Wiese family. Pray that the Lord would allow them to learn the language of the people to whom they ministry so that they might be able to preach the gospel with clarity. Pray for relationships to be built with people that the Lord will draw to Himself in salvation.

Family Activity: 'Bible Charades'

You can make two teams if you have enough people, but don't need to do so. One person at a time selects a Bible story at random and attempts to act it out silently. The others will have to guess which Bible story is being enacted. If playing on teams, the team to guess first gets a point. If not playing with teams, the individual who guesses first gets a point. Play to desired score.

- Read Leviticus 3
- Read Leviticus 4

February 8 Shepherding Notes – Romans 1

by Jonathan Rodriguez

Today we come to the beginning of the book of Romans. This book is filled with deep riches of God's grace, vivid reminders of the gospel, but also with things that can be difficult to understand. What is refreshing about Romans is how Paul takes us through the steps of saving grace. He paints a picture of our sin and shows us what lies in our heart, but also gives us the good news that by faith we are saved. We begin with chapter one.

The Explanation of Man's Condition

From verses 18-32 we see something very important that is necessary to understanding the gospel. Paul tells the church in (VS. 20) that God has made it clear to people that he exists, his creation gives testimony of his working hand, but humans are always suppressing the truth of who God is. That is because of the foolishness that is in the heart of the world, it darkens their eyes to see the truth of the gospel. That is why the world gives themselves over to all their passions and desires. They are enemies of God and take their stand against God. When they sin in their hearts, they are trying to oppose the God of the universe. This is important for us to note because the reality is, there is no neutral ground in terms of standing before God. There is no such thing as being neutral in this spiritual war, either we are for God, or we are against him. We also see that man has an innate desire to worship something. In Ecclesiastes 3 the preacher tells us that "Man has eternity built into his heart," which means that we as humans have this innate feeling within us that there is more to the eye than what we can see. But when we suppress the truth of God, we start to worship everything else but God. Our hearts are eternal vessels that long for the Creator, but we think it can be satisfied when we fulfill our passions and desires.

Gospel Grace

What is humbling about this passage is that you and I were once in the same boat with those people who suppress the truth and follow after their own passions. We were pursuing our passions like there was no tomorrow. But God in his sovereign grace decided to open our hearts to the gospel so that we could have faith. From the start of the book, Paul wasted no time in giving the Roman church the gospel in its full measure. VS 16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." Brothers and sisters, if we have believed in Jesus Christ who died and rose in three days and if we have turned away from our sins toward him, then that power of God is at work in us. The power of God for salvation has done something miraculous, a heart transplant has taken place and what was dead is now alive to Christ. This is good news that never gets old and if you have become familiar and bored of the message of the gospel, I urge you to evaluate your heart. Remember, this is something we did not deserve, but out of God's abundant mercy, for reasons only known to him, he has saved us from his wrath. May we meditate on that today.

February 8 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 32

Discussion Questions:

- Why was Jacob afraid of Esau and his and of 400 men? (Jacob had run away to Laban because Esau had threatened to kill Jacob. Jacob was not sure if Esau had ever gotten over the loss of the birthright and the blessing.)
- Read verses 9-12 again. Jacob prayed to the Lord asking for God to keep His promises of protection. What does this teach us about how we should respond when we are afraid? (We should go to the Lord in prayer.) How does Jacob display humility in his prayer? (He acknowledges that everything he has is a gracious gift from God.)
- Jacob sent his servants ahead to meet Esau with more than 530 animals. Why did he send them? (As a present to Esau, hoping that it would soften Esau's heart to forgive.)
- Verses 22-32 contains one of the most fascinating and mysterious encounters with God ever presented in Scripture. When Jacob had sent everyone else across the river and he was alone, we are told that a man appeared and wrestled with Jacob until daybreak. Who was the mysterious wrestler? (The Lord.) When the Lord wanted to finish the wrestling match, how did he stop it? (He simply touched Jacob's him and caused it to be dislocated. This is a display of miraculous strength.)
- When the Lord asked Jacob, "What is your name?" Did the Lord already know Jacob's name? (Yes.) Then why do you think He asked that question? (Because of what Jacob means. Jacob means liar, or deceiver, or usurper. The Lord changed Jacob's name that very night. It was a way of showing Jacob that he was a new person. Israel means 'struggled with God' or 'wrestled with God.'

Song: Be Thou My Vision

Prayer Focus: Pray for all of the members of the Wiese family: Matt, Sherina, Titus, Macey, and Isaac

Family Activity: Vocabulary Challenge

Do your best to define and learn each of the following Bible Vocabulary Words

- Christocentric Christ Centered
- Christophany An Old Testament Appearance of Jesus
- Israel (the name) 'Struggled with God' or 'Wrestled with God'
- Bethel House of God (in Hebrew 'Beth' means house and 'El' is the general name of God.)
- Sanctification The process of God making His people more like Him over time.

- Read Leviticus 5
- Read Leviticus 6

February 9 Shepherding Notes - Romans 2

by Jonathan Rodriguez

I think I can say that people generally like to look in the mirror when they are looking their best. If men have a nice suit on, a fresh haircut, some ice on the wrist (slang for jewelry on the wrist) we love to look at ourselves. The same goes for women. We usually do not like looking in the mirror when we first wake up, when we look all messy, or maybe before doing a face routine. But I believe that is what the first section of Romans 2 is telling us to do. It tells us to look in the mirror at the ugly side of our nature, the one we want to avoid looking at.

Looking at the ugly side

In vs. 1-4 Paul is continuing his argument from the first chapter. At the end of chapter one, Paul lays out many things that unregenerate people do and therefore how they are classified. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, etc., but essentially what he is saying is that there is no one in the world who is innocent of all of these things. In the following section Paul goes on to tell the readers that both the Jew and the Greek are guilty of sin. Whether they have the written law, or the law written on their hearts, all people are guilty of sin.

Paul tells us, 'You look at other people in disgust and you can easily pick out their sins, but you need to look in the mirror.' Look at your own sin and see how ugly it is. We are all guilty of these things and Paul is ensuring that his words indict both Jews and Gentiles alike. Verse 3 says, "Do you suppose, O man-you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself-that you will escape the judgment of God?" Remember what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: even if we have not murdered outwardly, we commit murder when we hate someone; even though we have not committed adultery, we commit adultery when we lust in our hearts. All people are guilty of sin, and we are deserving of God's wrath. We can try to make ourselves look morally good to others, but God knows what's in our hearts.

God's kindness and impartiality

The reason that God will bring his wrath upon people is because he is holy and righteous. He will not show partiality to anyone because sin must be dealt with. But there is hope, verse 4, "or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance." We have something to be grateful for, that God is kind. God is slow to anger but abounds in steadfast love, and God is kind enough not to bring his swift judgment on us but instead give us time to repent of our sins. Brother and sisters, if God were to be fair with us, we would be in eternal torment right now, but we aren't. God decided to have mercy on you and me by showing us the grace of his gospel. That is true kindness. God sent his one and only Son to die for us on the cross, to take the wrath that was meant for us, and bear it on himself. The gift of salvation is freely given to us when we come to Christ, "amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me". Instead of trying to compare ourselves to others by seeing how much "better" we are, we should humble ourselves knowing that we were in the same boat. This should also spur us on to share the gospel with all people.

February 9 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 33

Discussion Questions:

- Jacob is finally going to be reunited with his brother. After many years, Jacob is still fearful that Esau will be angry enough to kill him. Possibly even angry enough to harm Jacob's entire family. How did Esau greet his brother? (He ran to him and embraced him.)
- Why was Esau angry in the first place? (Because Jacob lied the their father and conned Esau out of his blessing.)
- Esau was a very wicked man, and from now on the Bible will always refer to him negatively. Doesn't it seem strange that Jacob would say that Esau's face was like seeing the face of God? What do you think Jacob meant by that? (Jacob highlights the fact that Esau "accepted" him. In other words, Jacob is making a connection between the way that God welcomed Jacob back after he sinned, and how Esau did the same.)
- Jacob was right to identify God as being a gracious ruler who welcomes back people who sin against Him. Have you ever sinned against the Lord? Will the Lord welcome you back? What does this passage teach us about the heart of God toward sinners?

Song: Christ the True and Better

Prayer Focus: Pray for the sustained joy of the Wiese family as they serve the Lord in Southeast Asia.

Family Activity: Memory Verse Challenge

Starting from the youngest to the oldest, see who can accurately quote our weekly memory verse:

Psalm 34:1-8

- Read Leviticus 7
- Read Leviticus 8

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- Read Job 6

Family Worship

Read Proverbs 6

- What does verse 6 mean?
- Verses 16-19 is known as the seven deadly sins. What are they? Are these the only things that God hates? (No. God hates all sin. This list is not meant to be exhaustive. These proverbs are designed for a father to teach his sons how to avoid common patterns of sin.

Prayer Focuses:

Christlikeness – For you and for the Wiese family.

Tomorrow's Church Service – That the Lord would use the gathered people of God and the preaching of the Word to transform into someone more like Jesus.

Family Activity: Quiz over this week's reading: (Points are for fun. Use them if they are helpful, discard them if not. (answers on the reverse side of this page.)

- 20 Points How did Laban trick Jacob into working an extra seven years?
- 10 Points Who had children first, Rachel or Leah?
- 30 Points How many sons did Leah have?
- 30 Points What kind of goats did Laban agree to give to Jacob?
- 20 Points What did Rachel steal from her father?
- 20 Points Where did Rachel hide the household idols?
- 10 Points Why was Jacob afraid to return home?
- 20 Points After wrestling with the Lord, God changed Jacob's name to Israel. What does Israel mean?
- 20 Points What did Jacob send to Esau in the hope that it would calm Esau's anger?
- 20 Points What did Jacob say that Esau's face looked like?

- Read Job 7
- Read Job 8

Answers Key:

20 Points – How did Laban trick Jacob into working an extra seven years?

He gave Leah as a wife instead of Rachel. Jacob had to work an extra seven years for Rachel.

10 Points – Who had children first, Rachel or Leah?

Leah

30 Points – How many sons did Leah have?

Six – and one daughter

30 Points – What kind of goats did Laban agree to give to Jacob?

The speckled and spotted goats

20 Points – What did Rachel steal from her father?

Household gods

20 Points – Where did Rachel hide the household idols?

She sat on them.

10 Points – Why was Jacob afraid to return home?

He thought that Esau might still be angry enough to kill him.

20 Points – After wrestling with the Lord, God changed Jacob's name to Israel. What does Israel mean?

'Wrestled with God' or 'Struggled with God.'

20 Points – What did Jacob send to Esau in the hope that it would calm Esau's anger?

Lots and lots of animals - over 530 of them

20 Points – What did Jacob say that Esau's face looked like?

Like the face of God