



**Dig Deeper Questions...**

- 1) We've seen that the backdrop to Jesus' arrival was suffering for him and for John the Baptist, and in fact as we read on in the book, both will be put to death. How does it help you that suffering (though very hard) can be part of God's plan? [For further reading on this theme see 1 Peter 1:6-9; 2:20-25; 3:13-18].
- 2) To understand more about what the "Kingdom" is, you might like to look up these references in Mark's gospel: 4:11; 4:26; 9:47; 10:14-15; 10:23; 12:34; 14:25; 15:43. Would you say that the Kingdom is...
  - a) present or future?
  - b) easy or hard to enter?
  - c) impressive or weak?
- 3) What will happen if we try to...
  - a) repent (turn from sin) without believing?
  - b) believe without repenting
  - c) separate these things from Jesus Christ?
- 4) Why does true Christianity change lives? [Google: "Matthew Parris, As an atheist I truly believe Africa needs God"].