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Mission: **Christian education**



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Claire and Joshua. There are scripture references to delve into, Jewish religious festivals to highlight, plus characters with plausible back stories to debate upon. We hope the teens will be able to watch the adaptations in small groups outdoors and gain a deeper insight into the cultural and historical context in which the gospels were written.

NB: "The Chosen" is downloadable and freely available as an app from the play store on any smart phone.

Our World

The cartoon from our local newspaper depicted, in order of priority, the distribution of Covid-19 vaccines throughout the world:

Firstly, the rich nations
Followed by their children
And then their pets!
Fourth in line was all of South America and Asia
And lastly, at the back of the queue – Africa!

In one part of the USA, reluctant citizens are being given incentives to get vaccinated. "Get the jab and you have a chance of winning a lottery prize of a million dollars!" We hear of nations hoarding life-saving supplies and of others using "vaccine-diplomacy". Alongside this, there is news that poorer countries are destroying the few out-of-date doses they have received. These stories paint a true picture of the world as an evil place full of injustice and greed, where the powerful oppress the weak. Things haven't changed in the last millennium or two.

Jesus' World

The TV series "The Chosen" helps the audience see how tyrannical Roman rule was for Jews in Jesus' day. It depicts the struggles of an oppressed people, burdened by crippling taxes. No wonder the Zealots fought against Roman rule and Matthew was hated for siding with the enemy! How radically different Jesus was to the expectations and hopes of those longing for the Messiah to come and rescue them!

Writing worksheets for teenagers based on this series, is the latest small project I'm involved in. I'm working alongside

Prayer points

- Only 2% of Kenyans have received their 1st dose of Astra Zeneca. Thank God that the delayed second shipment has now arrived.
- Pray for the timely arrival of the 1st batch of the J & J vaccine due in August.
- Continue asking the God of justice to come to the aid of those nations waiting at the end of the line for life-saving vaccines.
- Ask for good progress to be made on the various writing projects underway:
 - the mentorship guidebook to accompany the Crossing series for teens.
 - the VBS materials on peace-making.
 - the youth worksheets for use in conjunction with the TV series "The Chosen"