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Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 21, 22nd October 2023

Presenter: Rev Tom Stuart

Focus Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Message 15 minutes 40 seconds

“ Jesus’ Mind-blowing Insights!”

Discussion Starters

- 1** What is something you remember from Tom’s message today?
- 2** What is something out of your own experience that connects with today’s message?
- 3** How might we learn to see the bigger picture as Jesus did?
- 4** In what issues in the community, or world, might Jesus’ broader vision help?

Lectionary readings for the day

Exodus 33:12-23 Moses wants the Lord to assure him and the people of God’s presence in their journey. God agrees, yet God’s glorious presence cannot be managed or understood on purely human grounds.

Psalms 99 This hymn celebrates God’s kingship, and yet acknowledges God’s holiness.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul gives thanks for the faith of the Thessalonians to whom the gospel came not only in word but also in power and Spirit. They have turned from idols to worshiping “the living and true God” (v9)

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All Age Message: Rev Tom Stuart

“First Nations People got it Right”

Length 3 minutes 46 seconds

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In the 80’s film, “Crocodile Dundee”, a question is asked about whether the First Nations people own the land? The answer was, “They don’t own the land they belong to it; it is like a mother to them.” A coalition seeks to trap Jesus with a question about paying of taxes to Ceasar – even Rome belongs to God seemed to be the answer. The Aboriginal and Islander idea of who and what we belong to, seems most in line with the perspective of Jesus.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 99 page 32-321

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