

**Aim:****Refer:****Resources:** Pictures of Pilgrims Progress are available here: <http://www.bunyanministries.org/>

Either listen to **Your Story Hour B49-2-The-Great-Secret 19:00 – 23:20** available for purchase from [yourstoryhour.org](http://yourstoryhour.org)

Or read and briefly discuss: **Matthew 17:22-27** (Jesus predicts his death. A fish pays the temple tax – Note: Priest, Levites and prophets were not required to pay the tax so it was an attempt to trap Jesus.)

---

Pilgrims Progress Continues:

As Christian and Hopeful walked through the Enchanted ground, Christian asked Hopeful about the steps that had led him to begin his journey, the first being, an awareness of his sinfulness.

"What sort of things would bring you sins to mind?" Christian asked?

"Many things," replied Hopeful, "Things like, seeing a good man, or hearing the Bible, or hearing of sickness or death. I tried to fix my life, by fleeing from sins and sinful company, and by doing religious duties. But then I read that all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags, and by the works of the law shall no man be justified. And it occurred to me, if a man runs a hundred dollars into the shopkeeper's debt and after that shall pay for all that he gets, yet, the old debt still stands, and for that the shopkeeper may sue him, and cast him into prison till he shall pay the debt. And another thing troubled me, still, if I looked closely into the best of what I did, I saw sin mixing itself; so that now I was forced to conclude, that I was sinning enough, even now to send me to hell, even without the faults of my former life."

"What did you do then," Christian asked?

"I did not know what to do," Hopeful replied, "but I spoke to Faithful, and he told me the I needed the righteousness of a man that never had sinned, for no other righteousness could save me. He told me of our Lord Jesus. And said I must be justified by Him, even by trusting to what He hath done, and what He hath suffered when He did hang on the cross. I asked him further, how that man's righteousness could be so effective to justify another person before God? And he told me that He was the mighty God, and did what He did, and died the death also, not for Himself, but for me. I asked him further, how I must make my request to Him? And he said, Go, and find Him upon the mercy-seat and say, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"

This Hopeful had done, and the reply had been, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. He that cometh to Me shall never hunger, never thirst, him, I will in no wise cast out. For I came into the world to save sinners."

"And now," said Hopeful, "Was my heart full of joy, mine eyes full of tears, and my love running over to the name, people, and ways of Jesus Christ."  
lessons or read Bible stories.

---

Hopeful found out what the song – You won't get to Heaven on the back of a Camel by Doug Horley – also says.

You won't get to heaven by saying you're a Christian,  
And you won't get to heaven 'cos you're good,

As Hopeful said, even if he was perfect from now on, he would still have to pay for the bad things he had done in the past. And, even when we think we are perfect – compared to God – what is our righteousness like? Isaiah 64:6

You won't get to heaven just by going to a church, though many, many think you could,

Just because a person attends church doesn't mean they are a true Christian. Some people come from habit, some come to spend time with friends, some come because it is the right thing to do, many come because they think it saves them. Why should be come? **Read Hebrews 10:25**

A mum or a dad or a sister who love Jesus, won't get you there, it's true,

While you live at home, your parents might spend time with you doing Bible stuff, praying, bringing you to church and so on. But each of you is also making your own decision, and making your own habits. So decide now, spend time talking to God yourself, tell Him what you are feeling and thinking. Ask Him to help you. Spend some time by yourself reading your Bible, or reading a Bible story.

Oh, you're in favour with the Saviour, but this you gotta know, you need to find Him just for you.

There's only one way (one way), one way (one way)

That you can get to heaven, oh yeah.

There's only one way (one way), one way (one way)

And that's through God's son Jesus, He's the only way.

**Read Romans 10:9-10**

Note: It is about saying and believing in your heart – both parts are important.

**Read James 2:18**

Our actions show our faith or belief.

Do your actions show your belief in God? Ask Him to help you to so that they do.