take time **3 December** **Esther 6:10-14** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Esther%206:10-14&version=NKJV

Haman the loser

study

Haman is thunderstruck. He was looking forward to being publicly honoured by the king – and now He's supposed to be the one to lead his enemy Mordecai through the streets? But Haman is obedient; there's no space for discussion.

And Mordecai? How his jaw must have dropped when he saw Haman coming along ….

After the journey through the city Mordecai returns to the king's gate (v12) – where he had been before. The honour he had just received therefore hadn't gone to his head. This is commendable for Christians to imitate!

Haman makes his way home. He has hit rock bottom. Is his wife able to comfort him; will his counsellors help him? No, they only say what he himself had already thought: His defeat is certain.

answer

16. Can you imagine why Haman covered his head (v12)?

inform

When the Jews celebrate the feast of Purim, the whole book of Esther is read out aloud. When the person who reads gets to the verses of today's passage, he changes his voice and continues with a high, triumphant voice.

think

Pride comes before the fall!

note down

16. When someone covers their face, they show outwardly that they were very sad. You can find this in other passages, such as 2 Samuel 15:30. Covering can have another reason. In the next chapter, Haman's head is covered because he is condemned to death (ch. 7:8)