



Light for my Path

UECM Bible Reading and Devotion Guide

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 1

Day 1

A Jewish couple who is betrothed is legally regarded as husband and wife although there is no physical relation yet. This status can be terminated by a "divorce," or sending the woman away.

What can you learn from Joseph in this narrative?

Matthew 2

Day 2

Observe what the magi did to worship Jesus, the King. How does this compare with your life of worship?

Matthew 3

Day 3

Read and reflect on John's message again. Which of those warnings should you heed today?

Matthew 4

Day 4

*How was Jesus able to overcome temptation?
What are your temptations, and how can you overcome them?*

Matthew 5:1 – 26

Day 5

Matthew 5-7 records the “Sermon on the Mount.” It begins with “the Beatitudes” wherein Jesus explains how one can be blessed.

What changes in your attitude should you adopt to be blessed?

Matthew 5:27 – 48

Day 6

While the Pharisees emphasized the outward observance of the Law, Jesus pointed out that what really matters is the heart. What is the condition of your heart?

Matthew 6:1 – 18

Day 7

What principle of serving God did Jesus teach in this passage? How can you apply this principle today?

Matthew 6:19 – 34

Day 8

What are your greatest concerns? These are your treasures. According to Jesus, what should our treasure be? What steps will you take to adopt this new value system?

Matthew 7

Day 9

Enumerate the main topics Jesus mentioned in this chapter. Which lesson most applies to you today?

Matthew 8:1 – 17

Day 10

What do these healing miracles tell us about Jesus?

Matthew 8:18 – 34

Day 11

*Who was Jesus to the people He encountered?
Who is Jesus to you? Can you place your complete
trust in Him? Would you give up everything to
follow Him?*

Matthew 9:1 – 17

Day 12

*How is faith manifested in these narratives? How
will you live out your faith today?*

Matthew 9:18 – 38

Day 13

In Matthew 9:13, Jesus was quoting Hosea 6:6. "I desire compassion, and not sacrifice."

*How did Jesus show compassion for the people?
How does the Lord want you to show compassion today?*

Matthew 10:1 – 20

Day 14

Jesus summoned His disciples, gave them authority and sent them out with specific instructions. What principles can we derive from these instructions and apply in ministry today?

Matthew 10:21 – 42

Day 15

Is our understanding of “discipleship” consistent with Jesus’ teaching? Read the text carefully. According to Jesus, what is a disciple?

Matthew 11

Day 16

People responded differently to Jesus - doubt, rejection, acceptance. How will you respond as He calls you to come to Him, to take His yoke upon yourself, and to learn from Him?

Matthew 12:1 – 23

Day 17

What did Isaiah say about the Messiah? How did Jesus live in fulfillment of these prophecies?

Matthew 12:24 – 50

Day 18

The words of the Pharisees and scribes revealed the evil intent of their heart, and Jesus rebuked them. Let the word of God illumine you as you search your heart and confess the hidden things which displease Him.

Matthew 13:1 – 30

Day 19

Which kind of soil are you? How do you hear the Word? What hinders you from being fruitful?

Matthew 13:31 – 58

Day 20

What do these parables teach us about the kingdom of heaven?

Matthew 14:1 – 21

Day 21

The feeding of the five thousand is a miracle recorded in all four gospels.

Note the events that led to this miracle. What do these tell us about Jesus? How can you follow His example today?

Matthew 14:22 – 36

Day 22

Read today's familiar story carefully, as if reading it for the first time. What reminders is God impressing upon you?

Matthew 15:1 – 20

Day 23

What traditions are important to you? Are these pleasing God or hindering you from obeying God?

Matthew 15:21 – 39

Day 24

Why did Jesus commend the Canaanite woman for her faith? In what area of your life do you need to exercise this kind of faith?

Matthew 16

Day 25

After Peter's declaration (v.16), Jesus started telling the disciples about His coming suffering, death, and resurrection. What does this tell us about the cost of being a disciple? Are you ready to follow Christ at any cost?

Matthew 17

Day 26

What is the significance of Jesus' transfiguration? (Take into consideration what transpired 6 days before.)

Matthew 18:1 – 20

Day 27

How have we caused others to stumble by our words, actions, and attitude? With God's Word as our mirror, let us confess those sins that have hindered others from coming to the Lord.

Matthew 18:21 – 35

Day 28

Is there someone you cannot or have not forgiven? Remember that you, too, were forgiven by God. Forgive as you were forgiven.

Why did Jesus give that particular challenge to the rich young ruler (v.21)? Is something or someone hindering you from following Jesus? What is Jesus' challenge to you?

Are you—a recipient of God's grace—envious of others on whom God has also poured out His abundant grace and mercy?

Matthew 20:17 – 34

Day 31

Jesus had just told His disciples that He was going to suffer and die, when the mother of James and John came with her request. What did the disciples fail to understand? What should we keep in mind about Christ's suffering and death?

Matthew 21:1 – 22

Day 32

What was the chief priests' and scribes' response to the things Jesus had done and to the praises of the children? What is your response to the wonderful things our Savior has done?

Matthew 21:23 – 46

Day 33

What is Jesus' main point in the parable of the two sons? How can you be the son who does the Father's will?

Matthew 22:1 – 22

Day 34

In this parable, Jesus was referring to the Jews who rejected Him. However, the same fate awaits non-Jews who reject Him.

What happened to those who reject the invitation of the king? How will you pray for your unbelieving friends and relatives?

Matthew 22:23 – 46

Day 35

Rabbinic Judaism considered all laws equally important, yet Jesus made a succinct summary of the Law and the Prophets. Are you obeying the greatest commandment?

Matthew 23:1 – 22

Day 36

For what were the scribes and Pharisees rebuked? Should you repent of the same today?

Matthew 23:23 – 39

Day 37

Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees to cleanse themselves inwardly from robbery and self-indulgence, hypocrisy and lawlessness. Pray and ask God to show you what inward sins need cleansing.

Matthew 24:1 – 28

Day 38

In this passage, Jesus talks about the impending crisis (the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.) and about His second coming.

How can we avoid falling away or being led astray?

Matthew 24:29 – 51

Day 39

How should you prepare yourself for Christ's second coming? Read verse 45-46. How does this apply in your life?

Matthew 25:1 – 30

Day 40

How should we live as we wait for our Master's coming?

Matthew 25:31 – 46

Day 41

Jesus said what we do for the least of these we do to Him. What will you do for Jesus today?

Matthew 26:1 – 25

Day 42

A woman poured expensive perfume on Jesus, while a disciple betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver—what a contrast! How do you live your life today? Does it show love or betrayal of your Savior?

Matthew 26:26 – 50

Day 43

Hours before His trial, suffering, and eventual death, a troubled Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He struggled but submitted Himself to do the Father's will.

In what areas do you struggle about surrendering to God's will?

Matthew 26:51 – 75

Day 44

When Peter realized he had denied Jesus, he went out and wept bitterly. Is that also your response upon realizing that you have sinned against the Lord?

Matthew 27:1 – 26

Day 45

What was Judas' response when he learned that Jesus was condemned to death? How was his response different from Peter's? What is the difference between regret, remorse, and repentance?

Matthew 27:27 – 50

Day 46

Read and reflect on how Christ suffered for us and bore our sins on the cross. What did Christ endure on your behalf? How would you respond to such love?

Matthew 27:51 – 66

Day 47

The chief priests and Pharisees heard and remembered Jesus saying that he would rise after three days. Did they believe Jesus?

How well do you listen? How much of it do you believe and take to heart?

Matthew 28

Day 48

What did the resurrected Lord commission His disciples to do? How are you fulfilling the Lord's instructions?

Mark 1:1 – 20

Day 49

What did Simon (Peter) and Andrew, James and John leave behind to follow Jesus? What is holding you back from following Jesus?

Mark 1:21 – 45

Day 50

Jesus did a lot of things during His earthly ministry. What was His ministry principle?

Mark 2

Day 51

What did Jesus want the people to know when He healed the paralytic? Why was this important?

Mark 3:1 – 19

Day 52

What were Jesus' emotions in the synagogue? Why? Would we give Jesus reason to feel the same way?

Mark 3:20 – 35

Day 53

There are three groups of people in this narrative: Jesus' earthly family, Jesus' critics, and Jesus' true family. Note each group's attitude or response to Jesus. To which group do you belong?

Mark 4:1 – 20

Day 54

It is not enough to receive the Word of God with joy. One must let it take root and not allow the worries of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things to choke it from being fruitful. How can you let the Word take root and be fruitful in your life?

Mark 4:21 – 41

Day 55

The parables in 4:26-29 and 4:30-32 both use the seed to depict the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God will grow regardless of the sower's sleeping or rising. Although it may start small like a mustard seed, its greatness will be witnessed by all one day. Are you excited to see the consummation of God's kingdom?

Mark 5:1 – 20

Day 56

Describe the man when he was possessed by Legion and when he was freed. What a remarkable transformation! How have you been transformed since you met Jesus?

Mark 5:21 – 43

Day 57

What brought Jairus and the woman to Jesus? In times of urgent needs, will you think of coming to the Lord immediately?

Mark 6:1 – 29

Day 58

What was Herod's response when John the Baptist rebuked him of his sin? What is your response when someone points out your sin?

Mark 6:30 – 56

Day 59

Why did Jesus have compassion for the great multitude? What did He do out of His compassion? Look for an opportunity to show compassion to someone today.

Mark 7:1 – 13

Day 60

In v.6, Jesus applies Isaiah's prophecy to the Jews of His generation. Would Jesus say the same thing of you? Is your worship acceptable to God or in vain?

Do a spiritual angiogram today. Which of the evil things enumerated by Jesus are present in your heart? Confess, repent and be cleansed.

Mark 7:24-8:10 records Jesus' ministry in Tyre and Sidon, and Decapolis.

While the feeding of the five thousand took place in the northeastern shore of Galilee near the town of Bethsaida, the feeding of the four thousand took place in the Gentile territory of Decapolis. What does this tell us about Jesus' mission?

Mark 9:1 – 29

Day 63

*Why were the disciples unable to help the boy?
What does this imply in our ministry?*

Mark 9:30 – 50

Day 64

Not only should we heed Jesus' warning about not causing others to stumble, we should also be on guard against what causes us to sin. Note that vv.43-47 is a hyperbole, a figure of speech that exaggerates to make a point. What is Jesus' point? What action will you take today to keep you from sinning?

Mark 10:1 – 31

Day 65

When Jesus told the young man to sell his possessions and give to the poor, what was He ultimately calling him to do? Read verses 21 and 29-30 again. What is the common teaching in these verses?

Mark 10:32 – 52

Day 66

In the previous chapter, Jesus foretold His death and resurrection. The announcement brought about the disciples' discussion as to who was greatest among them (9:31-35). A similar thing happens in today's reading. Instead of desiring to be great, how does Jesus want His disciples to live? How can you apply this today?

Mark 11:1 – 18

Day 67

How did Jesus react to the fig tree and to what He saw in the temple? Look at the similarity between the fig tree and the temple: both appear outwardly to be acceptable, yet with closer inspection they were disappointing. Do you look outwardly presentable? How are you inwardly? How can you be fruitful and pleasing to the Lord?

Mark 11:19 – 33

Day 68

What does this passage remind us about prayer? Apply these reminders as you pray.

Mark 12:1 – 27

Day 69

The Pharisees turned away from Jesus after hearing the parable He spoke against them. What is your response when Jesus' words are "not pleasant" to the ears and they pierce your heart?

Mark 12:28 – 44

Day 70

Jesus observed how the people put money into the offering box. What did Jesus see and say? What would He see and say if He watches how we bring our offering today?

Mark 13:1 – 20

Day 71

While the disciples were concerned with the timing and the signs of the end times, what was Jesus' concern?

Mark 13:21 – 37

Day 72

What command did Jesus repeatedly mention in today's passage? What does it mean? How will I apply it today?

Mark 14:1 – 26**Day 73**

In the eyes of the people, the woman wasted a vial of costly perfume on Jesus. How did Jesus evaluate her actions? What have you "wasted" for Jesus?

Mark 14:27 – 53**Day 74**

What temptations have you been facing recently? According to Jesus, what will help us not fall into temptation? Obey Jesus' command and be victorious over temptations.

Mark 14:54 – 72

Day 75

We often judge and criticize Peter for denying Jesus. Think about your words and actions this past week. How have you denied Jesus?

Mark 15:1 – 25

Day 76

As you read today's narrative of Jesus' trial, take note of all the people who had a hand in Jesus' suffering and death. Remember that these were part of the "predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23) for the forgiveness of our sins.

Many who passed by mocked Jesus and challenged Him to come down from the cross. Could Jesus have done that? Why didn't He? How would you respond to that?

Journey with the women who went to the tomb of Jesus on the very first "Easter Sunday." Would you also have mixed emotions of fear and astonishment? What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection for us?

Focus on Zechariah. What can you learn from him? What example can you follow? What error should you avoid?

*How has God shown favor to Elizabeth and Mary?
How has God shown favor to you? Be thankful.*

Luke 1:39 – 56

Day 81

In Mary's Magnificat (vv.46-55), she enumerated the reasons she exalted and rejoiced in God. Write down some reasons why you exalt and rejoice in God.

Luke 1:57 – 80

Day 82

Read Zechariah's prayer. What does it tell you about his longings and his son John's mission? Pray that you, too, can be God's instrument in sharing the knowledge of salvation to others.

The shepherds were the first to hear about the good news of the birth of the Savior. What can we learn from the shepherds' response?

What did Simeon, Anna, Joseph and Mary, and Jesus go to the temple to do? What do you go to church to do?

John told the multitude to "produce fruits in keeping with repentance." What were some specific things they should do? What fruits of repentance have you born?

Jesus lived His life fulfilling Old Testament prophecies about Him. Had you lived in Jesus' days, would you have recognized how He was fulfilling Scripture? Commit to diligently read the Bible to know the Lord more.

How did the people respond to Jesus' teaching and healing ministries? Do you respond in the same way to the Lord's word and work today?

Simon Peter and his friends fished all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus commanded him to cast his net, he obeyed. God's commands may not be the "logical" thing to do, but still we must obey Him. What command of God should you obey today?

Men brought their paralyzed friend and let him down through the roof to be healed by Jesus. Levi invited his tax collector friends and other people to a banquet with Jesus. Whom do you need to bring to the Lord?

Jesus' earthly ministry had just begun. Read v.12. Note what happened before and after this verse.

Follow Jesus' example and spend more time in prayer today.

Luke 6:27 – 49**Day 91**

The world tells us to fend for ourselves. Yet according to Jesus, what should we do for those who hate or mistreat us? Why? Think of someone who has wronged you. What will you do for him this week?

Luke 7:1 – 30**Day 92**

What made the Jewish elders praise the Gentile centurion? What made Jesus praise him?

Take note of what the woman did for Jesus as an expression of her love. How much do you love Jesus? What does that show about your realization of your own sinfulness?

After Jesus told and explained the parable, He made a conclusion in verse 18. How do you listen? Will more be given you or will what you have be taken away? How can you be a better listener of the word? (Read v.15 again.)

Compare the miracle Jesus did in the Gentile territory Gerasenes and in the Jewish territory Galilee. Note who the recipients of the miracles were. What great things has God done for you? Go and share with someone today.

What did Jesus send His disciples to proclaim? What did He empower them to do to authenticate their message? Pray for the Lord to empower you and share the good news with someone this week.

Luke 9:18 – 36

Day 97

*What titles of Jesus are used in today's passage?
What is the significance of each? Praise Jesus for
who He is.*

Luke 9:37 – 62

Day 98

Why did Jesus rebuke James and John?

Luke 10:1 – 24**Day 99**

Jesus' instructions to the disciples showed the urgency of proclaiming the kingdom of God. Do you sense the urgency of sharing the gospel with others? When was the last time you told someone about Jesus? Share the good news with someone this week.

Luke 10:25 – 42**Day 100**

This parable must have shocked Jesus' Jewish audience, for they looked down upon Samaritans. Take note of what the Samaritan did for the man wounded by robbers. How can you be a neighbor to someone today?

Luke 11:1 – 28

Day 101

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray and why they should pray. Enumerate what these lessons are and apply it as you pray today.

Luke 11:29 – 54

Day 102

Why did Jesus say the people were a wicked generation? (see 11:14-16) How does Jesus want you to respond to Him and His Words? Have you done so?

What lesson did Jesus want to convey in the parable of the rich man (vv.13-15)? Summarize how Jesus expounded on this in vv.22-34. How will you apply this?

According to Jesus, what does a faithful slave/steward do? Write down three things you will do to be a faithful steward.

Luke 13:1 – 21

Day 105

What was Jesus' main point in vv.2-5? How are vv.6-9 related to this? What is your response to this message?

Luke 13:22 – 35

Day 106

Are you part of the kingdom of God already? Are your relatives and friends part of the kingdom? One day, the door to the kingdom will be shut and the opportunity will be gone. Grab the opportunity to believe in Jesus and share this good news with others.

Luke 14:1 – 24

Day 107

*Identify the lesson each parable is teaching.
Choose one lesson and apply today.*

Luke 14:25 – 35

Day 108

*Are you a disciple of Jesus? What does Jesus
expect from you?*

What made Jesus tell the parables of the lost sheep and coin? What message was Jesus conveying through these parables?

Are you like the older son or the younger son? Do you acknowledge that you, too, are a sinner in need of God's grace?

An old hymn says, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."

Knowing that our days on earth are limited, we should use our resources to prepare for the future. This is the main point of the parable in vv.1-9. How are you using your resources? Do your investments have eternal value?

What have you done for the Lord recently? Are you waiting for someone's praise or do you consider yourself an unworthy servant simply fulfilling your duty?

Have you received blessing from the Lord recently? Did you remember to thank and glorify Him?

Jesus will come again. Are you prepared to meet Him?

One of the themes in Luke is prayer. What lessons about prayer can we learn from the two parables Jesus told?

What can you learn from the blind man in vv.35-43?

Luke 19:10 tells us what Jesus came to do. It explains why He reached out to Zacchaeus, a despised sinner and an outcast in society. Is there someone to whom the Lord wants you to reach out?

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a young donkey. The “Triumphal Entry” marked the beginning of Jesus’ final week prior to His death.

What did the people shout as they welcomed Jesus? They were right to acknowledge Jesus as King. However, they were expecting this King to save them from Roman oppression. From what did Jesus come to save them?

With only a few days left before His arrest, Jesus continued to teach in the temple. Aware that the religious leaders were finding ways to trap Him, what did Jesus do? Why? What does this tell us about our Savior?

Though the Sadducees were religious leaders, they wrongly believed that there was no resurrection. What did Jesus explain about the resurrection?

In chapter 19, Jesus wept over Jerusalem and foretold its impending destruction. In this passage, Jesus addressed this again as some were admiring the temple's adornment. He also told them that persecution, among other things, would precede the destruction of Jerusalem. Was there good reason to fear? Why not?

Luke 21:20 – 38

Day 121

Jerusalem was a very important place for the Jews, yet Jesus said it would be destroyed and trampled by the Gentiles. Why would God allow this to happen? (Read Luke 19:43-44.)

Luke 22:1 – 30

Day 122

Jesus and His disciples were observing the Passover meal commemorating how God had delivered the Israelites from slavery. That night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. Why does Jesus want us to observe this? (v.19; see also 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Luke 22:31 – 46

Day 123

What do you learn from vv.31-32?

Jesus prayed not only for Peter. Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25 tell us that He prays for us as well. In times of trials, be encouraged that our Savior and Lord is interceding for us.

Luke 22:47 – 71

Day 124

Why did Jesus rebuke Simon Peter for cutting off the ear of the high priest's slave? (See also Matthew 26:51-56)

Luke 23:1 – 25

Day 125

Herod, the tetrarch of Galilee, had beheaded John the Baptist. When he later heard about Jesus' miracles, he was perplexed and wondered if Jesus was John who had risen from the dead.

Why was Herod very glad to see Jesus? Did this eagerness to see Jesus transform his life? Why not?

Luke 23:26 – 54

Day 126

Read Jesus' prayer in v.34. What does this tell us about Jesus? How can you follow Jesus' example?

Luke 24:1 – 35**Day 127**

How did Cleopas and his friend perceive Jesus the Nazarene? What did Jesus explain to them, and how?

Luke 24:36 – 53**Day 128**

*Jesus had accomplished what He came to earth to do. Before going back to heaven, what final words did He leave with His disciples? (vv.44-49)
What should you do in response to this?*

Some say Jesus was an extraordinary teacher, and others say he was a good role model. List the things you discover about Jesus in this passage. What areas in your life have yet to be surrendered to Jesus?

John the Baptist knew that he was not the Messiah. He only prepared the people and directed them to Jesus—the Messiah (1:23; 35-38).

Likewise, believers are called to point others to Jesus. Are you preparing the way for someone to come to Christ?

Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine. What was the purpose of Jesus performing this miracle? Do you trust Jesus to supply all your needs?

Nicodemus asked an important question, "How can a man be born again?" What are the results of being born again? Of NOT being born again? Have you been born again?

What caused John to make the humble proclamation, “He [Jesus Christ] must increase, but I must decrease”? What areas in your life require that Christ must increase? What areas in your life require that you must fade?

Jews traveling from Galilee to Jerusalem, and vice versa, usually bypassed Samaria because they detested the Samaritans. Jesus, however, deliberately went through Samaria (v.4). Why? How far would you go for the sake of the gospel of Christ?

Compare the first and second miracle (cf., John 2 and 4:46-54). What are the similarities? What are the differences? What can you learn concerning Jesus and the miracles He performed? What have you learned about faith in Christ?

Jesus asked the man disabled for 38 years if he wanted to be healed (v.6). Did the man answer Jesus' question? How was he healed? We may not be physically disabled, but we are just as helpless spiritually. Do you want to be helped, be healed, and be saved? Believe in Jesus!

What kind of relationship does God the Father have with Jesus Christ—His Son? What is the role of the Bible (v.39)? What can we learn about Jesus?

Two miracles happened in succession—the feeding of the five thousand and Jesus walking on water. What can we learn about the disciples? Do believers sometimes behave like the disciples? What can we learn about Jesus? Are you drawn to worship Him? Spend a moment in worship and prayer.

Jesus claimed that He is the bread of life; whoever comes to Him shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Him shall never thirst (v.35). Are you hungry and thirsty? Have you tried Jesus, and do you find Him satisfying?

Christ's claims must be either accepted by faith or rejected by unbelief (v.64). There was no middle ground. Thus, many who had been following Christ left Him. Peter, however, declared his loyalty to Christ (vv.68-70). Do you confess and believe in the claims of Christ? What is eternal life?

John 7:1 – 27

Day 141

Jesus' brother was planning for Jesus to display His power and be famous. Jesus rejected the offer because His time had not yet come (v.6). Have you ever demanded God to follow your timetable and plan? Have you ever tried to wait upon God's timing? Is it easy to do so?

John 7:28 – 53

Day 142

Read Jesus' great invitation in vv.37-38. Have you tasted the living water—Jesus Christ? How did He satisfy you? Have other people tasted the Living Water through you?

During the Feast of Booths/Tabernacle, which commemorated Israel's forty years of desert wandering, one custom was to light candles as a reminder of God's guidance.

On this occasion, Jesus claimed to be the "light of the world" (v.12). How important was this claim? Have you experienced the presence, provision, and deliverance in Jesus?

A true disciple will "abide" in the words of Christ (v.31—also translated as "continue in" or "hold to"). It entails a determination to listen to, reflect on, hold fast to, and carry out every word of Christ. Are you abiding in God's Word? Is God's word a factor in your big and small decisions?

Jesus taught that the man's blindness was not about who sinned, but in order to display the work of God. Can sin sometimes bring sickness, trials, problems, and suffering? What are some sins in your life that you need to confess and repent? Are the trials you are facing today bringing glory to God?

Jesus asked the restored blind man, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus was not asking for a recognition of His existence, but a genuine trust in Him.

Have you trusted in Jesus—the Son of God, the Son of Man, the One who died on the cross for your sins and in your behalf?

Jesus is the sheep's "door/gate" (v.7) who brings people to God. He is also the "good shepherd" (v.11) who cares for them. Have you experienced Jesus as the door and the great shepherd? Have you also experienced, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1)?

The Jews pressed Jesus to answer if He was the Messiah. Jesus did not answer directly but simply pointed them to His words and works. The people, however, rejected Him and sought to kill Him.

Have you accepted all the words and claims of Jesus? Is your life's behavior consistent with the Christ you professed?

Knowing that Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (v.25), how should believers face death? How should you behave when your friend is mourning? What acts of compassion can you show to someone who is going through trials, suffering, and lost?

Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead (vv.43–44). The chief priests and Pharisees, however, were concerned about other things. What were their concerns? What plan did Caiaphas the high priest suggest? Are there things in your life that you treasure over Jesus, or are unwilling to give up for Jesus?

Pure nard was prepared from an aromatic herb from northern India. The perfume cost around a year's wage for a fully employed man.

What prompted Mary to anoint Jesus with expensive perfume (v.8)? What acts of love have you done for Jesus? Have you given your priceless possession to Jesus because you treasure Him more?

One of the reasons many people would not accept Jesus is that “they love men’s approval rather than God’s” (v.43). Is seeking the approval of men wrong? Are there areas in your life where you seek the approval of men over the approval of God? Pray and ask for God’s forgiveness. Commit to live a God-centered life.

In Jesus' time, foot washing was considered a task so lowly that it was reserved for gentile slaves only. Jesus, however, washed His disciples' feet and asked His disciples to do the same. Is the Lord calling you to do any task that you consider humiliating? Remember: we are called to serve like our Master.

Jesus gave Judas a morsel of bread as a sign of friendship and grace. Yet the act also highlighted Judas' betrayal and disloyalty. John described what happened—that "Satan entered into him" (v.27). Have we ever betrayed Jesus by choosing people, money, and material things over Him?

Jesus claimed, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." This is the sixth of seven "I Am" statements that Jesus made in the Book of John (cf. 6:48; 8:12; 10:9, 11; 11:25, 15:1). What did Jesus mean by these claims?

How will knowing that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life change our mindset?

Jesus is the true vine. God is the vinedresser/gardener. Who are the branches and how can they bear fruit? What is the purpose of bearing fruit (v.8)? Are you bearing fruit that bring glory to God? Is there evidence that you are abiding in Christ?

Jesus used childbirth to illustrate the believer's circumstances in this world and in the world to come. Sorrow and suffering are part of the Christian life, but a believer's hope and joy will find their culmination in the coming of Christ.

Have you found hope in Jesus? What is your attitude towards your trials and afflictions?

What kind of relationship did Jesus have with His Father? How important was prayer to Jesus? How is your prayer life?

In Jesus' prayer for His followers, what has touched your heart?

Why did Peter deny Christ? What reasons do believers have to deny Christ? Have you ever denied Christ verbally? Have you done so through your actions?

Pilate asked a question that has echoed through the centuries: “What is truth?” (v.38). Unfortunately, he turned away from the One who claimed to bear witness to the truth (v.37). Are you looking for “truth”? Taste and see Jesus, who is Himself the Truth!

Pilate declared that he found no guilt in Jesus (v.4). Yet in the previous verses, he allowed his soldiers to flog, punch, and put a crown of thorns on Jesus. Later on, Jesus was crucified (v.18).

Did Jesus deserve to die on the cross? For what reason did He die?

Jesus' words, "It is finished" (v.30) referred to the completion of a task. In Jesus, prophecy was fulfilled (cf. Daniel 9:24-26), an acceptable sacrifice was offered to the Father (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:21), and redemption was accomplished (Colossians 2:14-17). Spend some time in worship and prayer.

Notice the repeated greeting of Jesus: "Peace be with you" (vv.19, 21, 26). Why was this greeting important? How was this greeting related to Christ's resurrection? Do you have peace?

Peter had denied Jesus three times (18:17-27). Now Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" Remember, God is gracious to forgive those who repent.

Repentance must bring forth specific behavioral changes. In Peter's case, Jesus called Peter to take care of His sheep (vv.15-17). What signs of repentance are being manifested in your life?

What was Christ's instruction before He ascended to heaven? The disciples devoted themselves to prayer and to fulfilling God's promises. How do we live our lives as we wait upon the second coming of Christ?

Those who were filled with the Spirit proclaimed the mighty works of God in many known languages. Are we aware of God's work in our lives? Do we proclaim it as we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit?

Peter proclaimed Christ's lordship and messiahship through the testimony of David. He also pointed out how the people had rejected and crucified Christ. How did these people respond? How does God's word lead us to repentance and fellowship (sharing of resources, sharing with Christ in suffering, joining in prayer)?

Peter healed the lame beggar by Christ's power, thereby authenticating Christ's identity and the people's need for repentance. When God works through us, we must be careful that others acknowledge God instead of us, the instrument.

How did Peter and John respond before the council of the high priest's family? Are you willing to accept and endure persecution when you are threatened and falsely accused? Choose to be right in the sight of God rather than men!

How do you face persecution? Instead of asking God to spare us or remove us from persecution, pray for courage and boldness to speak God's word anyway.

Acts 4:32 – 5:16

Day 171

What were the attitude and purpose of Barnabas in donating his money? What about Ananias and Sapphira? Did the death of Ananias and Sapphira become a hindrance for the people to believe in Christ? What do you think is more important to God, what we offer to Him or why we offer to Him?

Acts 5:17 – 42

Day 172

What was the main reason for the apostles' imprisonment? The high priest and Sadducees failed to realize that they were actually opposing God when they hindered the apostles' work. Do we hinder God's ministry by opposing the people whom He uses to accomplish His plan?

God's work was accomplished not only by apostles who preached the word, but also by deacons who were chosen to serve the people. Every one of us has a certain role or ministry for the expansion of God's kingdom. Do we serve God faithfully in that role?

Stephen faced opposition from his own Jewish brothers when he was preaching the gospel powerfully. Likewise, there may be accusations and false witnesses that discourage us from serving God. We should not be weary, for God will testify for us.

Stephen addressed his opponents by stating God's faithfulness toward their forefathers and their faithlessness in rejecting and persecuting God's messengers. How do we handle opposition? Do we use God's word as our means to defend the truth?

Stoning to death was a traditional way of execution for people who blasphemed God.

There will be people who refuse to believe even when we speak with the power of the Holy Spirit. Are we willing to sacrifice everything for Christ—even our very own life?

Acts 8:1 – 25**Day 177**

Despite general persecution, people were gathering to the apostles. Some believed and were baptized. Some preached God's word. Still some were baptized but were not true believers at all. What kind of followers are we? Are our hearts right before God?

Acts 8:26 – 40**Day 178**

God led Philip to explain the Scripture to the eunuch and baptize him. Are we sensitive to God when He prompts us to approach someone and explain His word?

Christ transformed Saul from being a persecutor to a passionate Christian. He also turned Ananias from being a victim to God's messenger. Have you experienced Christ's transforming power? Does it lead you to obey and follow Him boldly?

Has anyone doubted the genuineness of your conversion? Paul got his assurance from the Lord Himself and reassurance from other believers as he testified about Christ and lived out his faith.

Peter and Cornelius were both called by God to meet with each other without knowing the reason, yet both of them obeyed without any delay. Do we obey God even when we don't fully understand everything?

Peter and the believers witnessed God's impartiality by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles.

Are we willing to share the gospel without partiality?

When Peter explained God's heart and work for the Gentiles, what was the response of those who had favored circumcision? How did they later respond to the work in Antioch among the Hellenists (Greeks)? Humble acceptance of our own sin leads us to glorify God and support God's ministry.

Persecution and deliverance often accompany witnessing for Christ. How did Peter take his persecution? How does God manifest His sovereignty in the midst of our own persecution?

God enabled Paul to perform miraculous signs. However, what was it that caused proconsul Sergius Paulus to believe in God? Does God's work lead us to trust and grow in Him?

When Paul preached to the Jews, he wisely used the Old Testament Scripture and the example of their forefathers. Later, he turned to the Gentiles when other Jews rejected the gospel. Do we also seek to know God's will and rely on His wisdom as we deliver His message?

Though Paul and Barnabas faithfully preached God's word, some Jews and Gentiles were being deceived by unbelievers. The people of Lystra even misrepresented Paul and Barnabas as "gods." Do these persecution and misrepresentation hinder God's ministry?

Circumcision was a sign of the covenant between God and Israel (Gen. 17:9-14). Thus, the Jewish believers demanded that Gentile believers should also be circumcised to receive salvation.

As "old" believers, do we demand that new believers share our own personal experience about Christianity?

How did Paul handle and resolve the issue of circumcision within the Church? Did he do a good job dealing with the conflict over John Mark?

In obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit, Paul and Timothy were able to minister to Lydia, baptizing her and her household. God still guides us through His Word, although we may not see a vision or hear an audible voice. Do we heed His Word?

Acts 16:16 – 41**Day 191**

Paul and Silas were falsely accused and imprisoned, yet they were able to minister to the jailer and other prisoners, who otherwise would not be reached! When trouble strikes, can you recognize it as a God-given opportunity for you to witness for Him?

Acts 17:1 – 15**Day 192**

Are we envious of those who actively and effectively serve the Lord? In order to accomplish God's will, let us learn the lesson of partnership and serve God together.

Have you tried sharing the gospel to other religious groups? Observe how Paul used their common ground to lead them to Christ. Will you take such effort and time to explain and clarify the truth?

Throughout Paul's journey, he encountered many prominent Jews: Aquila, Priscilla, Titius Justus, Crispus, and Apollos. Some followed Paul and were able to minister to other believers. They differed in terms of their mission (vv. 7, 8, 26) and passion for the Lord (vv. 7, 24-25).

What is your mission as a believer, and where lies your passion?

The Ephesian believers thought that baptism of repentance was enough. Likewise, the sons of Sceva thought that by uttering the name of Jesus and Paul, they could cast out evil spirits even without faith in Christ.

Where do you put your faith: in some outward symbol, or in Christ Himself?

Demetrius aroused his craftsmen into a commotion against Paul. Unexpectedly, God used the town clerk to reason with the crowd.

Are we quick to defend ourselves? Sometimes, we might miss out on the chance to witness God's miraculous deliverance.

God did not only empower Paul to preach His word, but also enabled him to raise Eutychus from death. Do we experience God's authenticating work in and through our lives?

When Paul recounted his experience, ministry, and suffering in the Lord, he did not intend to exalt himself, but rather to encourage fellow believers. We should neither boast of our experience, nor refrain from sharing for fear of being judged. We should realize that sharing with right motivation can uplift others in Christ.

Out of love, the believers were trying to prevent Paul from going up to Jerusalem. However, it was God's will that Paul should go. Are we willing to let God's will prevail over our own desire?

Even though Paul followed the Jewish Law, some Jews from Asia falsely accused him of bringing a Gentile into the temple.

Have you ever been falsely accused even when you tried to live up to God's standard? Would you continue to stand firm for Christ?

Acts 21:37 – 22:29**Day 201**

Observe how Paul defended himself before the Jews. Would you witness to those who want to kill you? To what extent are you willing to endure hardship and share God's Word?

Acts 22:30 – 23:11**Day 202**

During Paul's trial, the Pharisees and Sadducees disagreed in their theology. Can we stand firm in what we believe, just like Paul did?

God used the commander (tribune or chief captain)—an unbeliever—to deliver Paul from the plot of the Jews. Are we willing to trust God’s promise in the midst of adversity and uncertainty?

Felix seemed to favor Paul, but he had an ulterior motive—to receive bribe money from Paul.

What is our motive when we profess Christ? Is it to get some worldly, personal benefit or to genuinely receive Christ Himself?

Numerous times, the Jews tried to accuse Paul but couldn't find any evidence against him. Do we live a pure and blameless life? When we do, God has His own way to vindicate us.

In the midst of trial, Paul firmly preached God's word to King Agrippa rather than defended himself. Do we compromise our message in order to avoid getting ourselves into trouble? Let us imitate Paul's attitude.

What made the sailors, centurion, and soldiers follow Paul's suggestions during the storm? Remember, we are not God, but God can use us as instruments to lead others to Him.

Although Paul was a prisoner in the sight of men, God gave him the opportunity to bear witness. Let us not be afraid or anxious over our identity, for God has His own way of affirming our message when He allows us to witness for Him.

Even though Paul was imprisoned, people came to listen to his preaching. Let us not allow time and space to limit our ministry for the Lord. If we are faithful, God will provide the opportunity.

*What was Paul's perception of the gospel, and what was his attitude in preaching it? (vv.14-17)
What can we learn from Paul about preaching the gospel?*

Can man know God? How? What happens when man refuses to acknowledge God as God? (v.18 onwards) Does my life manifest God as God?

Romans 2

Day 211

What is the basis of God's judgment? When I come before God's judgment seat, will I be able to withstand it?

Romans 3

Day 212

What is the way to salvation, and what is its basis? Just because I am in the church, am I really saved? Have I truly received and enjoyed God's saving grace?

Romans 4

Day 213

What was the reason Abraham was blessed? How do I apply this “way of blessedness” in my life?

Romans 5

Day 214

What blessing did Christ’s death bring about? Am I reconciled to God? Am I thankful for God’s grace?

*Am I baptized? What is the meaning of baptism?
Does my life reflect that I am baptized unto
Christ?*

*What is the function of the law? Can we possibly
live in such a way as to fulfill the requirements of
the law? How should I deal with my sin?*

*Why are there struggles in a Christian's life? How
can I overcome temptations?*

Romans 8:1 – 21**Day 217**

What is the difference between being led by the Spirit and being led by the flesh? Examine yourself. Are you more prone to follow the Spirit or the flesh? Resolve to show by genuine actions that you walk by the Spirit.

Romans 8:22 – 39**Day 218**

How can Christians overcome the trials of this world? Are there trials in my current situation? Cling to the principle of victory over trials!

Romans 9:1 – 15

Day 219

Over what matter did Paul sorrow? What was Paul's attitude toward his unbelieving kinsmen? Do I show the same concern for my unbelieving friends and relatives? Pray that God will show a course of action whereby unbelievers might be led to Christ.

Romans 9:16 – 33

Day 220

What did the apostle teach about our reaction to God's sovereignty? As I have been chosen to receive salvation, how should I respond to God's grace?

How can the world be saved? Do I truly understand salvation? How can I participate in the work of the gospel?

How did Elijah react to his generation's treatment of God's prophets? What did God do to change Elijah's viewpoint? What should I do when I meet hindrances in sharing the gospel?

How should a person, saved by grace, view God and unbelievers? How should I respond to God's redemption?

What is the foundation of Christian living? How should the redeemed live their lives? In everything that I do, is my standard "the world" or "God's will"? How can I use God's gifts to serve Him?

Romans 13

Day 225

What did Paul say should be a Christian's attitude towards those in authority? Do I follow the laws of the government? In all I do, am I motivated by love?

Romans 14

Day 226

How should a Christian treat a brother whose faith is weak? In my daily life, what steps can I take to face weaker Christians?

Romans 15:1 – 13**Day 227**

What serves as a Christian's example in his behavior and conduct? What is my motive in all my dealings?

Romans 15:14 – 33**Day 228**

What was Paul's attitude in preaching the gospel? In our gospel ministry, we should also maintain the same kind of attitude.

How did Paul act toward his co-workers? Toward false teachers? Do I know the brothers and sisters in my church? How can I get to know them and greet them?

What is the message of Christ's cross?

Why do people create factions? Does my behavior cause division among people? How can I be a peacemaker?

I Corinthians 2

Day 231

What is the difference between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world? How can man understand spiritual things? How can I pursue an understanding of spiritual things?

I Corinthians 3

Day 232

What characterizes a fleshly person? How do I maintain unity in the church?

I Corinthians 4

Day 233

*What was Paul's attitude in serving the Lord?
What lesson can I learn from Paul?*

I Corinthians 5

Day 234

*What are the effects of a Christian's sin? How
should I face a sinning person?*

*How can we deal with conflicts among believers?
Am I willing to sacrifice my personal interest for
the sake of keeping harmony?*

*What was Paul's exhortation towards the
married? Towards the unmarried? May God allow
me to glorify Him in the matter of marriage.*

I Corinthians 7:20 – 40

Day 237

According to Paul's teaching, what should be our life purpose? What do I pursue in life? What are my concerns?

I Corinthians 8

Day 238

By the Bible's teaching, how should believers view foods offered to idols? In all that I do, am I willing to give up some personal freedom for the sake of weaker brothers?

What should a Christian's attitude be in preaching the gospel? What can I do to be involved in the ministry of the gospel?

How can a person face his daily temptations? Am I in the midst of some trials or temptations? How can following the teaching of the Bible change my attitude?

I Corinthians 10:19 – 33

Day 241

What does God's Word admonish us regarding the principles of conduct? What motivates me to do the things that I do?

I Corinthians 11:1 – 16

Day 242

Observe Paul's instructions for men and for women in the church. What are their respective roles? Am I playing my role well?

What is the meaning of communion? Do I have a right attitude each time I observe communion? Do I prepare my heart in advance to receive the communion?

The Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon the church as needed. As believers who have received various gifts, what should be our attitude in using them?

What gifts do I have? Have I utilized my God-given gifts well? How can I serve the church with my gifts?

I Corinthians 13

Day 245

What is “love”? Why is “love” important? Do I love according to the principles of the Bible? How can I learn to love someone today?

I Corinthians 14:1 – 20

Day 246

What are the best gifts that Christians should desire? Am I in earnest pursuit? What am I pursuing?

I Corinthians 14:21 – 40

Day 247

How did Paul teach us to look at “tongues”? Do I know how to distinguish between true and false tongues?

I Corinthians 15:1 – 28

Day 248

What does the resurrection of Christ have to do with the Christian faith? Do I have a part in the resurrection of Christ?

I Corinthians 15:29 – 58

Day 249

What blessings to Christians come as a result of Christ's resurrection? How should I respond to the resurrection of Christ?

I Corinthians 16

Day 250

What were Paul's final instructions to the church? Have I done my part in the ministry of giving? Have I kept the faith? Have I loved the Lord and other people?

II Corinthians 1

Day 251

Why does God allow believers to encounter troubles? How should Christians face their troubles?

Do I have troubles today? How do I apply Paul's teaching in my daily life?

II Corinthians 2

Day 252

How has Paul determined to live among other people? Does my life exude the aroma of Christ? Today, how can I spread the fragrance of Christ amidst the circumstances in which I find myself?

II Corinthians 3

Day 253

What's the difference between the ministry of the Spirit and the ministry of death (vv.7-8)? Why is the "ministry of death" also called the "ministry of condemnation," and the "ministry of the Spirit" also called the "ministry of righteousness" (v.9)?

Having received the ministry of the Spirit, do I reflect the glory of the Lord wherever I go?

II Corinthians 4

Day 254

What changes characterize a Christian after he is saved by grace? What are my pursuits in life? What kind of renewal is called for today?

II Corinthians 5

Day 255

What are the basis of a Christian's actions, and the mission that motivates him? Am I a messenger of peace between God and man?

II Corinthians 6

Day 256

Why should believers not be yoked together with unbelievers? Is my current social life sanctified?

II Corinthians 7

Day 257

Why should believers not be yoked together with unbelievers? Is my current social life sanctified?

II Corinthians 8

Day 258

What did Paul appreciate about the church of Macedonia? Since I am a recipient of many blessings, how can I give something to those in need?

II Corinthians 9

Day 259

According to the apostle's teaching, what attitude should a Christian have in giving? What will happen to a cheerful giver?

Do I give? Do I present an offering that God will favor?

II Corinthians 10

Day 260

What did Paul point out regarding one's source of strength, purpose, and attitude in serving? Is my service aligned with God's will?

II Corinthians 11:1 – 15

Day 261

What characterizes the false teachers? Do I hold fast to the original gospel? Am I steadfast in sincere and pure devotion to Christ?

II Corinthians 11:16 – 33

Day 262

What attitude should we have when we encounter hardships in serving the Lord? Do I have joy in suffering for the Lord? Am I willing and ready to offer myself totally to the Lord?

II Corinthians 12

Day 263

Does a person who serves the Lord get all his prayers answered? Will everything work out in his favor? Have I ever been disappointed when my requests are not granted? How should I accept unanswered prayers?

II Corinthians 13

Day 264

What is the importance of self-examination? Am I in the habit of examining myself? How can I develop a lifestyle of self-examination?

Galatians 1

Day 265

How did Paul live before his conversion? After his conversion? Likewise, how has the power of the gospel changed your life?

Galatians 2

Day 266

Reread vv.19-21. Let us repent of self-righteousness — the tendency to attribute our salvation to our own good behavior, rather than to God's grace.

*On what basis was Abraham declared righteous?
How can Gentiles become sons of Abraham also?
Are you enjoying the privileges that are ours as
Abraham's descendants?*

From 3:23 to 4:11, Paul illustrated "the Law" as a guardian entrusted to teach a young son. When the son comes of age, he is free to exercise his rights and enjoy his inheritance.

*A guardian can impart instructions, but cannot bestow sonship. How do we become sons of God?
How do we live as sons of God?*

Galatians 5

Day 269

Are you bearing the fruit of the Spirit? In what area is your fruit not so evident?

Galatians 6

Day 270

What do we need to do if we want to reap good fruits? How is this reminder important to you today?

Ephesians 1

Day 271

Verse 3 states that God has blessed us with many spiritual blessings. Please enumerate the specific blessings revealed in the succeeding verses. Which one do you find most striking? Why?

Ephesians 2

Day 272

Paul described a believer's change in several ways: dead -> alive; separate from Christ -> brought near; strangers -> fellow citizens and part of God's household. How can we practically live out these truths?

Ephesians 3

Day 273

What is the “mystery” that Paul repeatedly mentioned in vv.3, 4, and 9? (clue: v.6) If you are also a beneficiary of this mystery, what should your response be?

Ephesians 4

Day 274

Beginning in chapter 4, Paul speaks of many ways we can manifest our new life in Christ. What is one lesson you most need to practice today?

Ephesians 5:1 – 21

Day 275

Observe the three occurrences of the word “walk” in vv.2, 8, and 15 (some versions render it “live”). How would you describe a Christian’s daily walk? Are you doing accordingly?

Ephesians 5:22 – 6:9

Day 276

Are you a wife? A husband? A child? A parent? A worker? A master? What is Paul’s admonition to you? Don’t be quick to assume you have done your part. Ask God to show you how you can still do better.

Ephesians 6:10 – 24

Day 277

In view of the devil's fierce attacks, are you daily putting on the full armor of God? How would the devil target you if he wants to bring you down? In those areas you will need the greatest reinforcement.

Philippians 1

Day 278

How did Paul "conduct himself in a manner worthy of the gospel" (v.27)? How can you do so today?

Philippians 2

Day 279

To obey God's command in vv.1-4, we need to cultivate an attitude like Christ in vv.5-11. How will this affect your actions today?

Philippians 3

Day 280

In life, what do you pursue with a passion? Do you have any spiritual goals? Take time to seek the Lord as to His purpose for your life, and wait upon Him for strength to achieve it.

Philippians 4

Day 281

Imagine Paul writing these words during his imprisonment! How can we be always joyful and content?

Colossians 1

Day 282

“Grace” and “peace” constitute Paul’s most usual greeting to the churches he wrote. How are grace and peace evident in the Colossian church? What about in your life?

Colossians 2

Day 283

What are the practices that have “the appearance of wisdom” but no real value (v.23)? These are contradictory to God’s grace. What is grace? How have you experienced it?

Colossians 3

Day 284

Are there some habits of your old self that you need to lay aside? How will you put on your new self today?

Colossians 4

Day 285

How is proper speech used in: v.2, vv.3-4, v.6, v.7-9, v.15, v.16? Pray that God will help you to use speech in ways that please Him.

I Thessalonians 1

Day 286

Examine v.5 again. In what way has the gospel reached the Thessalonians? How is the power of the gospel relevant to our daily lives?

I Thessalonians 2

Day 287

What was Paul's attitude in all his ministry? Pray that God will give you the same mindset as you seek to serve Him.

I Thessalonians 3

Day 288

As Paul served the Lord, what were some of his troubles? What were his joys? What were his wishes? How can you bring delight to God and to His servants?

I Thessalonians 4

Day 289

How is the believer's life to be unlike the unbeliever's life? How is the believer's death unlike the unbeliever's death?

I Thessalonians 5

Day 290

Christians should live their lives in anticipation of the Lord's second coming. How will you apply this in your actions and attitudes today?

II Thessalonians 1

Day 291

What are some biblical truths that help us to endure our earthly afflictions?

II Thessalonians 2

Day 292

Before the Lord comes again, Satan will be active in his attempt to deceive many people. What deluding works of the evil one are you seeing nowadays? How can we resist them?

II Thessalonians 3

Day 293

Starting with v.6, Paul talks about one kind of people we ought to stay away from, and another kind of people we ought to emulate. Who are they respectively?

How can you be a good example to other believers?

I Timothy 1

Day 294

The books of I Timothy, II Timothy, and Titus are collectively known as the Pastoral Epistles. In them Paul taught younger pastors how to administer the church.

What was one problem in the church during this writing (vv.3-7)? Do we encounter the same problem nowadays?

*Are you being faithful in intercessory prayer?
Today we are reminded that besides our personal needs, our prayer can include unbelievers and people who are in authority over us.*

Church leaders must be qualified based on personal character, ministry skill and experience, family life, and reputation outside the church.

Commit to pray for our church leaders — that they may be kept holy, wise, strong, and zealous for the gospel.

Paul sincerely wanted to pass on his ministerial values to Timothy, the younger pastor. What are some principles Paul taught? How can you apply them in your ministry?

Timothy was told to deal appropriately with different people: older men, younger men, older women, younger women, honorable widows, ill-reputed widows, worthy elders, outrageous sinners. What rule of thumb can we draw about interpersonal relationships?

Ask God for wisdom in all your interpersonal dealings today.

I Timothy 6

Day 299

What did Paul teach about the love of money? About the uncertainty of riches? How will they serve as reminders to you today?

II Timothy 1

Day 300

What was Paul's attitude in preaching the gospel, even when he met suffering and others' desertion? How can you follow his example?

II Timothy 2

Day 301

In what way should we serve like a soldier (vv.3-4)? Like an athlete (v.5)? Like a farmer (v.6)? What idea in this entire chapter speaks to you most immediately, as you learn to be a servant of Christ?

II Timothy 3

Day 302

Consider the characteristics of the last days (vv.1-5). Was the Bible accurate in its description of our present world? How can we be equipped to counter these trends? See vv.16-17.

II Timothy was the latest of Paul's epistles, written very shortly before his death.

In 4:7, Paul summed up his own life as a minister of God. How can you serve in such a way as to be able to say these words at the end?

Why is there a need for human leaders (elders and overseers) in the church? What attitude should believers have towards God-appointed leaders?

Note that Scriptures emphasize not only correct doctrines and theology, but also how we live out our faith on a day-to-day basis. This same emphasis applies to leaders (chap.1) and all believers (chap.2) alike. With this in mind, how will you go about your business today?

We are not saved on the basis of our deeds. (Otherwise, none of us would qualify to be saved.) However, since we are saved, God calls us to good deeds and enables us for godly living. What reminder(s) in this chapter most apply to you?

Philemon was Paul's co-worker and friend. His servant Onesimus had run away because of wrongdoing. Later Onesimus met Paul and became a believer. Here in this short, warm letter, Paul was making a personal appeal that Philemon should accept Onesimus once again.

What principle(s) of human relationships can we learn from this epistle?

Who is Jesus? Do I put Jesus in the center of my life? Have I replaced Jesus with another god?

Hebrews 2

Day 309

What did Jesus accomplish on earth? Do I fear death? Am I assured of my salvation?

Hebrews 3

Day 310

How can Christians live a blessed life? Do I serve faithfully, meet in God's house regularly, and persevere to the end?

What is the function of God's Word? Do I know myself based on God's Word?

When Jesus was in the flesh, how did He face sufferings? If I am suffering today, how can I respond to God's will and guidance?

What will Jesus do with Christians who serve faithfully? Do I serve God? Do I serve with diligence and faithfulness?

Jesus is supreme, and He is the High Priest. How does Jesus differ from other priests? What are my needs that I can pray for today?

*What is the new covenant? Am I of God's people?
Is God's law in my heart?*

*What has the death of Christ accomplished for
the world? What is the purpose of God saving
me? Do I serve God with all my life? Am I able to
stand before God's judgment seat one day?*

Hebrews 10:1 – 18

Day 317

What are a Christian's blessings in Christ's redemption? Do I live a holy life? How should I deal with sin in my life?

Hebrews 10:19 – 39

Day 318

How should Christians, saved by grace, live? How can I actualize Christian living?

Hebrews 11:1 – 19

Day 319

What is the basis of a Christian's life? Do I live by faith?

Hebrews 11:20 – 40

Day 320

How did Moses live by faith? Am I pursuing things of this life, or things in the coming life?

Hebrews 12

Day 321

Why does God discipline His children? When we are being disciplined today, how should we respond to God?

Hebrews 13

Day 322

How do Christians live in this world? How should I handle strangers, family, material things, leaders?

How do we face our trials and temptations? How can our trials in life be a source of joy? Trials produce endurance and maturity, but we must seek God's wisdom and do His Word.

Although good works do not justify a believer, they demonstrate the genuineness of one's faith. Christ manifested His love by His sacrificial act on the cross. This love compels us to love God and others not only with words but also with actions.

What good work and act of love will you do today?

The tongue is just a small part of our body, but it directs our life and reflects our disposition.

Although no one can tame the tongue completely, God can enable us to place our tongue under His authority and empower us to control it.

How do our evil passions and desires dominate our lives? How do they affect others and our relationship with God?

Are we guilty of being judgmental, arrogant, and self-righteous? Remember, "Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (v. 17).

Blessed are those who remain steadfast in the midst of persecution and oppression. Let us learn to endure and wait patiently, to restore those who fall away, to pray and seek our righteous and merciful God.

According to Peter, what has been revealed to us? What are the benefits of this revelation? What is required of us concerning this revelation?

Who is the Living Stone? What are the two responses to this Stone?

For us who believe, what is our new identity? Given this identity, how should we live our lives?

Beginning in this chapter, Peter addressed particular groups. What are the commands for wives, husbands, and all believers? What are the reasons for these commands?

I Peter 4

Day 331

Take note of the commands in this chapter. What are the reasons for these commands? How will you apply them today?

Why do people suffer? What should a Christian's attitude be toward suffering?

I Peter 5

Day 332

What did Peter tell elders, younger men, and everyone to do? What are the results of obeying these commands?

II Peter 1

Day 333

How does God want us to grow in our spiritual life? Why?

How sure is Peter about Scripture? What were his evidences and arguments?

II Peter 2

Day 334

How did Peter describe the ungodly? What will God eventually do to them?

How sure is Peter about the end of days? Why hasn't the Lord's promise been fulfilled yet? In view of these truths, how should we live in this world?

What is the purpose of this letter (vv.3-4)? What is the condition of having fellowship with God? Are you living in the light or in the darkness? Are there areas of sin in your life that you are not willing to give up?

Notice the purpose of writing this letter in 1:3-4 and 2:1. What is the effect of sin to a believer's fellowship and joy?

Is it important that a believer's confession and behavior be consistent? Is your life's behavior consistent with your Christian confession?

What are the true marks of being children of God? V.12 describes the reason why Cain murdered Abel: "Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous." Why was Cain's offering considered evil (see Genesis 4)? What kind of love does God expect of His followers (v.18)?

How does a believer discern whether a spirit or a teacher is from God?

Verses 7-21 talk about the importance of love. What has impressed you when you read these verses? In what areas of love do you need to improve? What will you do about it?

Can a believer's love for God be separated from his love for fellow believers (vv.1-3)? What testify that Jesus is the Son of God (v.8)? How can a person have eternal, abundant life (vv.12-13)?

Have you come to trust in Jesus Christ—the Son of God who died for your sins? Are you manifesting Christian love in your life?

Christian love is rooted in God's truth, not motivated by human compassion or sentimental emotions (vv.2-3). It is spurred by the knowledge of the truth, which has been revealed in Christ. So, are you living out truth by loving? Think of someone to whom you can show love in truth today.

Notice the constant emphasis throughout John's three letters on how a believer should walk the truth in love. How important is walking the truth in love?

John mentioned Diotrephes whom they should not follow (v.9). Why? What is the proper attitude for a believer to serve God? What is your attitude towards ministry and service?

Knowing that the ungodly will attempt to turn us from God, what did Jude tell believers to do (vv.17-23)? Who will keep us from stumbling and make us stand blameless in His glorious presence? Praise Him for this promise and assurance!

Who was making the revelation (v.1)? What was the role of John (v.11)? What was John called to write (v.19)? Who was the audience?

How did vv.12-18 describe Jesus? Have you ever imagined Jesus the way it was described? Are you comforted with what you see concerning Christ? Why?

Revelation 2

Day 345

Revelation chapters 2-3 are letters to the seven churches in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey). List the strengths and weaknesses of the church in Ephesus (vv.1-7), Smyrna (vv.8-11), Pergamum (vv.12-17), and Thyatira (vv.18-29) respectively.

How should you function as part of the church body to make the church more vibrant?

Revelation 3

Day 346

List down the commendable and reprehensible aspects of the church in Sardis (vv.1-6), Philadelphia (vv.7-13), and Laodicea (vv.14-22).

What areas in your life is Jesus commending, and what areas need to improve? Pray for discernment and the working of the Holy Spirit in your life.

John experienced an event almost similar to Isaiah in the Old Testament (see Isaiah 6). What did Isaiah and John witness? What does it mean that God is holy? Can your life be characterized as holy?

Before Jesus' ascension, he declared, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18). In Revelation 5:5, only "[Jesus]—the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David" has the authority to open the scroll and its seven seals. What kind of God do we have? Spend some time in personal worship.

Revelation 6

Day 349

The succeeding chapters give a detailed account of what will happen in the future, particularly the tribulations relating to the vision of Daniel (see Daniel 9:24-27). Why do you think God, through Christ, will cause these disasters and tragedies? How bad is sin in God's eye?

Revelation 7

Day 350

Note that in the last days, there are also Gentile martyrs (7:14; cf. 6:9-11). Thus, believers should expect persecution. Have you ever suffered for Christ? What comfort do believers have in suffering?

There is “half an hour” of silence immediately after the opening of the seventh seal (v.1). Why is there silence? What is the role of believers’ prayer? How important is prayer in your life?

When the seventh seal is opened, it ushers in seven trumpets (8:6). The last three trumpets are described as “woes,” emphasizing their severity (9:13). Still the people would not repent (vv.20-21). Are there sins in your life from which you are not willing to repent?

Revelation 10

Day 353

In vv.8-11, John was commanded to take and eat the scroll. It would be sweet in his mouth (referring to the encouragement he receives from God's Word) but sour in his stomach (referring to the constraint John feels from prophesying God's Word). Is God's Word sweet to your soul? Are you sharing it to others?

Revelation 11

Day 354

The Scripture is not clear who the two witnesses will be; nevertheless, their appearance marks the start of the great tribulation. What is the cost of being a witness of God?

Chapters 12 and 13 are generally disheartening, but there are some important events that should not be missed. (1) The Child—Jesus Christ will rule. (12:5). (2) Satan will be defeated (12:9). In the midst of adversity and tribulations, believers can still hope in the Lord because Jesus is triumphant! Do you have that hope?

The “beast out of the sea” refers to a person empowered by Satan. The “beast out of the land” is the false prophet who causes people to worship the beast out of the sea.

There will come a time when you must decide to follow Christ or not. Have you counted the cost and made the decision?

Who is the judge? Who will be judged? How severe is the judgment? How much do you think God hates sin? How much effort do you exert to destroy sin in your life? A person's perspective of God's grace is always commensurate to his perception of sin.

This chapter serves as an introduction to the seven bowls—seven angels and seven plagues—the final outpouring of God's wrath. There is, however, a moment of worship. Who will worship (v.4)? What is the reason for worship? What is your reason for worshipping God?

How severe are the judgments of the seven bowls? Would the people repent? What do you learn about the human heart?

Do you harbor any sin in your life? Confess and repent! Do not take God's judgment lightly.

Chapters 17-18 record the fall of Babylon the great. There are different interpretations as to the identity of "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abomination" (17:5). In any case, the "Great Babylon" will be judged. Do you look forward to the day when evil will be judged, or do you anticipate with fear?

Revelation 18

Day 361

How would you describe the judgment of the “Great Babylon” in your own words? Notice in verse 24 that before the judgment of the “Great Babylon,” there will be Christian martyrs. Are you willing to die for Christ? Will the “Great Babylon” notice you to be a saint, or is your Christian life imperceptible to the world?

Revelation 19

Day 362

What is the reaction of the heavenly multitude to the coming of Christ (vv.1-8)? How is Jesus described in vv.11-16? What are the reasons given for the saints’ worship? Do you enjoy worshiping God?

Chapter 20 records the millennial reign of Christ. What privileges do believers have during Christ's reign (vv.1-6)? What will happen to unbelievers, Satan, and his dominion? As a believer, do you look forward to the millennial reign of Christ? Why?

The section records the "new heaven and new earth." Will there still be sin (v.4)? What is the source of light in the new heaven and new earth (v.23)? Are you a child of light? Do you walk in the light?

We have come to the final chapter of both the book of Revelation and the Bible. Jesus said, "I am coming soon." Do you look forward to his coming? What comfort do you receive from meditating on the final chapter of the Scripture?