

One Year Bible – Week 14

Summary: Luke reading

Jesus shows his authority over the forces of nature, over the forces of evil, and over death. Luke then tells of Jesus as the Savior and Son of God. Finally we read about what it means to follow Jesus.

Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- *NT* – The Parable of the Good Samaritan is told only here in Luke (10:29-37). Some historical background is necessary for grasping the thrust of this parable. A priest and a Levite would have made themselves unclean if the victim were dead (Lev 21:1-4). Samaritans were a racial minority who were thought of with disdain by the Israelite people. When Jesus told this parable, how do you think the “expert of the law” would have heard it? Are their Samaritans in your life; people you look at with disdain? Is there anyone you have a difficult time showing love to? What would it look like for you show mercy to them; think of an example? – *Apr 3*

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *NT* – Read Luke 9:18-27. Jesus tells his disciples what following him means. What catches your attention in verses 23-25 about Jesus’ proclamation? What does it mean to deny oneself? What does it mean to take up one’s cross? On a scale of 1-10 (1 = not at all, 10 = perfectly), how consistent is your life with Jesus’ appeal here? How can we encourage one another to strive to make these words our life testimony? – *Mar 31*
- 2) *NT* – Read Luke 10:38-42. Take a moment to describe the contrast between Mary and Martha in your own words. What in the passage helps us to understand this contrast? What is Jesus saying, and what is he not saying is better in this passage? Which one do you relate to most, Mary or Martha and why? What can we do to grow toward the attitude that Jesus praises in this passage? – *Apr 4*
- 3) *OT* – Read Proverbs 12:15. What is it that separates the fool from the one who is wise? Can you identify this separation as one word? What can you do to strive for wisdom and prevent from becoming the fool? – *Apr 4*

Summary: Deuteronomy reading

Deuteronomy is reminding the Israelites of the covenant that God has made with them. This week talks of various subjects that have been told before in greater detail; subjects such as worship, cleanness, debt, offerings, and marriage. These and others are what set the Israelites apart from any other nation and what identify them as the people of YHWH.

[Old Testament Extra Credit]

Read Deuteronomy 17:2-7. Who is the victim of the offense in this passage? Who is responsible for reporting the offense? Who is to carry out the judgment of the crime? What do these observations indicate to us about God or his purposes for us? How does this passage speak to a lack of personal responsibility in our society today? – *Mar 31*

Journal the Psalms this week:

Only when we look upon ourselves with complete honesty are we able to be completely honest with God. Sober judgment is difficult because it means that we must be willing to face and admit the unpleasant truths about ourselves. Yet, when we conceal nothing and approach God with true openness then he will reveal to us the true foundation of our faith. Read Psalm 73:21-26. Can you relate to any of the words the Psalmist uses personally? Journal about your observations of God’s promises in the midst of our honesty, similar to what the Psalmist indicates in this passage. – *Apr 1*

A Lenten Sermon-related Question:

If gentleness includes the ability to control our reactions, rate on a scale of 1-10 how you do with keeping your strength under control.

Reading Schedule:

Dt = Deuteronomy / Lk = Luke / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Mar 29 – Dt 11:1-12:32 / Lk 8:22-39 / Ps 70:1-5 / Pr 12:4
Mar 30 – Dt 13:1-15:23 / Lk 8:40-9:6 / Ps 71:1-24 / Pr 12:5-7
Mar 31 – Dt 16:1-17:20 / Lk 9:7-27 / Ps 72:1-20 / Pr 12:8-9
Apr 1 – Dt 18:1-20:20 / Lk 9:28-50 / Ps 73:1-28 / Pr 12:10
Apr 2 – Dt 21:1-22:30 / Lk 9:51-10:12 / Ps 74:1-23 / Pr 12:11
Apr 3 – Dt 23:1-25:19 / Lk 10:13-37 / Ps 75:1-10 / Pr 12:12-14
Apr 4 – Dt 26:1-27:26 / Lk 10:38-11:13 / Ps 76:1-12 / Pr 12:15-17