

One Year Bible – Week 17

Summary: Luke Reading

Holy week: Jesus enters Jerusalem in what is known as the “Triumphal Entry.” While there, Jesus rebukes, and is repeatedly challenged by, the religious leaders until ultimately they arrest him.

Summary: Joshua / Judges Reading

Joshua wraps up with the remaining allotments of the Promised Land, then he gives a farewell address renewing the covenant with YHWH their god. Joshua’s death is recorded and the time of the judges begins. Judges is a book of military exploits of the people of Israel. Not all the stories in judges are noble but they show God’s preservation of the nation of Israel.

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

- *OT* – As the book of Joshua concludes and we see yet another transition of leadership (first from Moses to Joshua and now from Joshua to the time of the judges) do you notice any similarities or differences between the two. Make note of any recurring themes or unique occurrences that you observe in this second transition of leadership. What is God saying to his people with the passing of Joshua?
- *NT* – The religious leaders of Jerusalem do not react to Jesus in a welcoming way. Do you think their responses to Jesus are surprising or reasonable given what they seem to know about Jesus thus far? What do you observe about God’s plan from the people of Jerusalem in this final week of Jesus’ earthly ministry?

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *OT* – Read Jos 21:43-45. In this passage are some statements that summarize the Israelite’s journey up to this point. Who is the subject of this passage? What is being communicated here? What type of impression do you think this summary would give to its readers? – *Apr 20*
- 2) *NT* – A number of religious leaders approached Jesus while he was teaching in the temple courts. Their aim was to discredit Jesus in the people’s eyes so that ultimately they could get rid of him. Read Lk 20:1-8. What strikes you about the interaction between Jesus and the religious leaders? What are some observations you make about

Jesus’ response to the question of the religious leaders? How might this episode be relevant for us today and interactions that we might have with nonbelievers or religious instigators? – *Apr 20*

- 3) *OT* – Have someone read Jos 24:14-15. Joshua is giving his farewell speech and in these verses he poses a choice to the Israelites, not altogether dissimilar with the choice Moses gave to them in Deuteronomy 30. What catches your attention in these two verses? Describe your impression of the person’s mindset for which it would seem “undesirable” to serve YHWH. Do you think there is value in Joshua’s charge in verse 15, if so what? What does this choice look like in your life? In your family? – *Apr 22*
- 4) *NT* – Jesus gives a lengthy talk about the signs of the end of the age in Lk 21. Read Lk 21:5-9. What specifically is Jesus’ warning in these verses? Allow some time for everyone to look through the remainder of the chapter. What are the ways that we can heed Jesus’ warning in verse 8? What is an appropriate perspective for God’s people to have regarding the end of days? How can we encourage one another to have an appropriate perspective and to not be deceived? – *Apr 22-23*

Journal the Psalms this week:

Psalms 88 is one of the very few Psalms that does not end with a positive affirmation (See also Psalms 39 and 44). Appropriately thought of as a “dark Psalm,” Psalm 88 expresses honesty in the midst of struggle. Sometimes in life it feels that darkness is indeed our closest friend. Can you relate to the words of this Psalm? Journal about the thoughts and emotions that come to mind as you read this Psalm. Express to God the honesty of your heart. He is the God who saves us. – *Apr 19*

Reading Schedule:

Jos = Joshua / Jdg = Judges / Lk = Luke / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Apr 19 – Jos 19:1-20:9 / Lk 19:28-48 / Ps 88:1-18 / Pr 13:12-14
Apr 20 – Jos 21:1-22:20 / Lk 20:1-26 / Ps 89:1-13 / Pr 13:15-16
Apr 21 – Jos 22:21-23:16 / Lk 20:27-47 / Ps 89:14-37 / Pr 13:17-19
Apr 22 – Jos 24:1-33 / Lk 21:1-28 / Ps 89:38-52 / Pr 13:20-23
Apr 23 – Jdg 1:1-2:9 / Lk 21:29-22:13 / Ps 90:1-91:16 / Pr 13:24-25
Apr 24 – Jdg 2:10-3:31 / Lk 22:14-34 / Ps 92:1-93:5 / Pr 14:1-2
Apr 25 – Jdg 4:1-5:31 / Lk 22:35-53 / Ps 94:1-23 / Pr 14:3-4