

One Year Bible – Week 23

Summary: John / Acts Reading

Jesus dies, is buried, and then appears multiple times after his resurrection from the dead. Jesus ascends into heaven. Another disciple is chosen to replace Judas. The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost, many thousands come to faith in Jesus and the church is born. Peter and John are brought before the Sanhedrin (The religious leadership council of the Jews).

Summary: 2 Samuel / 1 Kings Reading

King David is pursued by his son Absalom attempting to seize the throne. Absalom dies. David mourns his loss and returns to Jerusalem as king. David writes Psalm 18. Solomon is named the king who will succeed David.

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

- *NT* – Pentecost marks one of the most noticeable acts of the Holy Spirit in the early church. (Acts 2:1-41) The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, came upon believers in a powerful way and Peter testified to the glory of God to those who were observing. How might you explain this work of the Holy Spirit – what was God was accomplishing in this act? – *June 4*
- *NT* – Peter’s speech before the Sanhedrin is a bold proclamation and challenge to the religious Jews who were antagonistic to Jesus. What observations do you make about Peter’s faith in this episode? Would it have been easy or difficult for you to say the sort of things that Peter said to that type of audience? How would you explain Peter’s motivation as displayed here?

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *NT* – Thomas is often known as the one who doubted, yet he also believed. (Jn 20:24-31) Do you know anyone who has or does respond to Jesus in a similar way as Thomas did, either believer or not? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Share some ideas for how to respond to people who have doubts about Jesus as Thomas did. – *June 1*
- 2) *OT* – Read Proverbs 16:18. What is being warned against here? How would you summarize this proverb in your own words? What makes pride so easy to come by? What are some ways that we can avoid falling into pride? (point to any other verses in the Bible that you may think of) – *June 3*

- 3) *NT* – The beginning of the church at Pentecost drew thousands to give their lives to Jesus and that number growing daily. Read Acts 2:42-47. What do you notice about the way the people of the early church related to one another? What of this picture do you see in the church today? What of this picture would you like to see in the church today? What could you do or change so that the community at Family in Christ could experience more of the benefits described of the community of believers in Acts 2? – *June 4*
- 4) *OT* – David sins against God by taking a census and counting the fighting men of Israel (2Sa 24). What was the sin in David’s action? Why does David make the choice he does of the three given him? (2Sa 24:10-14) How can David’s action of choosing the plague inform the choices in life that we make today? Why do you think David refused the offerings of Araunah? (v 21-25) How does this passage of David denying Araunah’s offerings illuminate the way we do or should approach God with offerings and sacrifices? – *June 5*

Journal the Psalms this week:

What do you think of the Bible? Now a different question; how do you feel about the Bible? These are different questions. Read the following verses and pay close attention to what the Psalmist says about God’s Word. Journal your answers to the previous two questions based upon what you have read in these verses. [Ps 119: 129-131, 137-138, 140, 142-144, 147-149, 151-152, 160-165, 169, 172, 174-176] – *May 31-June 1*

Reading Schedule:

2Sa = 2 Samuel / 1Ki = 1 Kings / Jn = John / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



May 31 – 2Sa 17:1-29 / Jn 19:23-42 / Ps 119:129-152 / Pr 16:12-13
June 1 – 2Sa 18:1-19:10 / Jn 20:1-31 / Ps 119:153-176 / Pr 16:14-15
June 2 – 2Sa 19:11-20:13 / Jn 21:1-25 / Ps 120:1-7 / Pr 16:16-17
June 3 – 2Sa 20:14-22:20 / Acts 1:1-26 / Ps 121:1-8 / Pr 16:18
June 4 – 2Sa 22:21-23:23 / Acts 2:1-47 / Ps 122:1-9 / Pr 16:19-20
June 5 – 2Sa 23:24-24:25 / Acts 3:1-26 / Ps 123:1-4 / Pr 16:21-23
June 6 – 1Ki 1:1-53 / Acts 4:1-37 / Ps 124:1-8 / Pr 16:24