

# February

## DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our February 2021 reading plan! This month we will dive back into the book of Matthew as we explore what it really means when Jesus says “Follow Me.” Before your reading each day, meditate on Matthew 4:19-20 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

### Memorization & Meditation:

*“And he said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”  
Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” – Matthew 4:19-20*

### WEEK 1

- [Feb 1] John 1:19-28 | Who does John explain that he is? Search for the verse in Isaiah he references and read it.
- [2] John 1:29-34 | What is the difference between the baptism of water and the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- [3] Mark 1:11 | What is the purpose of being baptized by water in this passage?
- [4] Acts 19:1-7 | What stands out to you as you read this passage today?
- [5] Romans 6:1-5 | What does the act of baptism symbolize?
- [6] Matthew 3:1-17 | Watch this video from the Bible Project, which gives some context to Jesus' baptism from the Gospel of Luke: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/gospel-luke-2/>

### WEEK 2

#### Sunday, February 7th

- [8] Matthew 4:1-2 | What is the significance of Jesus fasting for 40 days?
- [9] Matthew 4:1-4 | Can you also say that God's Word sustains you the same way food does? Ask the Lord to give you a greater hunger for His Word today!
- [10] Matthew 4:5-7 | How is Jesus' humility on display in this temptation scene?
- [11] Matthew 4:8-11 | Have you ever had your faith challenged in this way? Have you ever been offered an “easy way out” instead of difficult faithfulness? What was that like?
- [12] Hebrews 4:14-16 | What comfort does it give you to know that Jesus understands the pull of temptation?
- [13] Matthew 4:1-11 | What was Jesus' primary weapon against the attacks of the enemy? Read Ephesians 6:10-17.



Pray for one person to grow in Christ this week.



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### WEEK 3

#### Sunday, February 14th

- [15] Matthew 4:12-22 | The fishermen left their nets and boats immediately. How do you think you would respond if Jesus showed up in your life and asked you to leave everything to follow Him today?
- [16] Luke 5:1-11 | How does Luke's version compare to Matthew's account from yesterday?
- [17] Mark 1:16-20 | How do you think it felt to be Jesus' first disciples? Do you think they were excited? Do you think they had doubts?
- [18] Matthew 8:18-22 | This passage shows us how costly it can be to follow Jesus as His disciples. How has following Jesus been costly for you?
- [19] Luke 5:27-31 | What do you think of Jesus' response to the Pharisees? Are you glad? Does it challenge you at all?
- [20] Spend some time today reflecting on the moment Jesus said, “Follow me,” and you responded. What has it been like being a disciple of Jesus? What made you say yes to His call? Ask Him to renew your passion.

### WEEK 4

#### Sunday, February 21st

- [22] Matthew 26:6-13 | As we shift our focus toward the Lenten season in preparation for Easter, reflect upon Jesus' sacrifice and death. We often celebrate His resurrection, as we should, but spend some time today thanking Him for His suffering and all that He gave to save us.
- [23] Luke 7:36-50 | What stands out to you most in this account of the anointing of Jesus?
- [24] John 19:38-40 | This passage describes the process of preparing the body that Jesus alludes to in Matthew 26. Imagine how different these two scenes (John 19 & Matt. 26) would have been.
- [25] Matthew 2:1-12 | Read this article: <https://www.crossway.org/articles/why-were-gold-incense-and-myrrh-appropriate-gifts-for-jesus/> How did the gifts of the wisemen point to who Jesus really was and what would ultimately happen to Him?
- [26] Hebrews 5:7-10 | Jesus suffered greatly in His time on earth, but His suffering had an eternal purpose. Have you experienced suffering? What comfort does this passage give you?
- [27] Matthew 17:22-23 | How would you have felt if you heard Jesus talking about his death and resurrection while he was standing in front of you, very much alive?

#### Sunday, February 28th



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