




APRIL

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our April 2021 reading plan! We will be focusing primarily on Matthew 8 & 9 in our sermon series and our readings will reflect the themes we find in those passages.

Before your reading each day, meditate on Matthew 9:37-38 , pray for one person to know Christ  and one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." – Matthew 9:37-38

WEEK 1

- [Apr 1] Matthew 27:32-66 | What emotions and thoughts are coming up as you read this crucifixion account?
- [2] Romans 6:6-7 | Though it is hard to read about the suffering of Jesus, what did His death accomplish?
- [3] Matthew 28:1-20 | The last words of Jesus in Matthew are a command to make disciples. Are you in the habit of sharing your faith and making disciples? If not, what is holding you back or needs to change?

WEEK 2

Sunday, April 4th - Easter

- [5] Matthew 8:1-4 | How is Jesus' authority on display in this passage?
- [6] Matthew 8:5-13 | How does the Centurion's understanding of authority shape his faith in Jesus?
- [7] Matthew 8:14-17 | Why can Jesus heal the sick and cast out demons and unclean spirits?
- [8] Isaiah 61:1-2 | How does this prophecy connect to the passages we've been reading so far this week?
- [9] Matthew 8:1-17 | What stands out to you as you re-read these passages?
- [10] Matthew 7:28-29 | These verses finish out the Sermon on the Mount. How do these verses give context for Chapter 8, which follows right after?

WEEK 3

Sunday, April 11th

- [12] Matthew 8:18-22 | What do you think Jesus was saying about the cost of following Him?
- [13] Matthew 4:18-22 | What was the immediate cost of this decision for the disciples?
- [14] John 12:23-26 | What do you think it looks like to "hate your life" in this world?
- [15] John 21:15-19 | Though he once denied Christ, Peter was crucified upside down after building and leading the church for years. Pray and ask the Lord to give you the faithfulness Peter had in his discipleship.
- [16] Romans 8:12-18 | What is the promise we can hold on to if we are suffering for and with Christ? How does this change your response to your own suffering?
- [17] What is something in your life right now that God is calling you to lay down to follow Him?

WEEK 4

Sunday, April 18th

- [19] Matthew 8:23-27 | What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "Oh you of little faith"?
- [20] Hebrews 11:1 | Are you sure of what you hope for in Christ?
- [21] Matthew 8:23-27 | Spend time today confessing your fears before the Lord. Remind yourself that He is the one who commands the wind and waves.
- [22] Matthew 8:28-34 | How do these verses speak to Jesus' authority in regard to Satan? What encouragement do they give you?
- [23] Hebrews 1:1-4 | How do these verses expand your view of who Jesus is?
- [24] Spend time praying and asking Jesus if there is any area of your life that is not under His authority.

WEEK 5

Sunday, April 25th - Paralytic

- [26] Matthew 9:1-8 | Jesus is bold in His actions, having confidence in His identity. How can living out of our identity in Christ give us boldness in our daily lives?
- [27] Mark 2:1-12 | How does this account differ from the Matthew passage we read yesterday? What stands out to you?
- [28] Matthew 9:1-8 | Jesus knew the inward thoughts of the scribes. How do you think they felt being called out for thoughts that they had not voiced?
- [29] Daniel 7:13-14 | In Matt. 9, Jesus calls Himself the "Son of Man." What is the significance of this?
- [30] Luke 5:17-26 | It was the faith of the friends that caused Jesus to forgive the man. How can our faith be a blessing and an encouragement to our friends and our family?
- [May 1] Spend time praying and asking the Lord to increase your faith and trust in Him.



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