




# September

## DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our September 2021 reading plan! We will be continuing our study of the book of Matthew, looking at a new chapter each week. We are picking back up with Matthew 10 as we dive deeper into the ministry of Jesus. Before your reading each day, meditate on Matthew 11:28-30 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

### Memorization & Meditation:

*“Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30*

### WEEK 1

- [September 1] Matthew 10:1-4 | How does their identity as the disciples of Jesus Christ change their mission? How does it change their power?
- [2] Matthew 10:5-10 | Jesus calls His disciples to go to those in great need - the sick, dying, despised and dirty. What would it look like for you to bring the message of the Kingdom to those in great need in your community?
- [3] Matthew 10:11-15 | Jesus seems to be implying that the disciples shouldn't waste their time ministering to those who reject them. What do you think of these instructions as you consider them?
- [4] Matthew 10:16-18 | Though He encourages His disciples not to waste their time, He doesn't promise them a safe or easy ministry. What do you think it means to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves?

### WEEK 2

#### Sunday, September 5th

- [6] Matthew 10:16-25 | Jesus calls His disciples to go into danger, as “sheep among wolves.” Is there somewhere or something Jesus is calling you into that feels dangerous? Do you believe He will provide for you?
- [7] John 15:18-21 | How does this passage make you feel?
- [8] Matthew 10:26-33 | How does having an eternal perspective change the things we fear and value?
- [9] 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 | Take some time and meditate on these verses. Let your hope arise as you consider an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison!
- [10] Matthew 10:34-42 | What does it look like for you to love Jesus more than your family? Do you think Jesus is calling His followers to love Him more or our families less?
- [11] Mark 10:29-30 | How does Jesus reward our sacrifice on His behalf? How does that change the way you look at persecution?

### WEEK 3

#### Sunday, September 12th

- [13] Matthew 11:1-6 | How do you think John felt upon hearing Jesus' response to his question? How does it make you feel to know that even John the Baptist doubted Jesus in this moment?
- [14] Matthew 11:7-15 | Jesus affirms John despite his doubt. How has the Lord met you in your own moments of spiritual doubt?
- [15] John 20:24-29 | How does Jesus handle Thomas' doubt?
- [16] John 14:1-6 | Jesus is often gentle and encouraging in calling us out of doubt and into faith. Spend some time in prayer today and ask Him to meet you in any doubts you may have.

[17] Matthew 11:16-19 | How should we expect to be received by the world as believers if this is how they received Jesus and His greatest prophet?

[18] Matthew 11:20-24 | How do we see Jesus' identity as Judge in this passage?

### WEEK 4

#### Sunday, September 19th

- [20] Matthew 11:25-27 | What is Jesus telling us about His identity in this passage?
- [21] Matthew 11:28-30 | What stands out to you in this familiar passage?
- [22] Mark 6:34 | What a gentle, compassionate Savior we have! Spend time today praising Him for the way he gently shepherds your heart.
- [23] Philippians 2:3-8 | How does this passage show us a Jesus who is “gentle and lowly?”
- [24] John 13:3-7 | What can we learn from Jesus' consistent example as a humble servant?
- [25] Spend some time reflecting on what it means to take on the yoke of Jesus and learn from Him.

### WEEK 5

#### Sunday, September 26th

- [27] Matthew 12:1-14 | Jesus declares himself Lord of the sabbath and greater than the temple. How did the Pharisees react to His declarations? How do you think you would have reacted?
- [28] Matthew 12:15-21 | Spend some time today praising God for sending Jesus to be the promised Messiah and to bring hope to the Gentiles (all people) who would believe in His name!
- [29] Matthew 12:22-32 | Jesus says, “a house divided cannot stand.” What can you do in your daily life to be more connected, or united, with the believers around you and bring more glory to the Kingdom?
- [30] Matthew 12:33-37 | According to Jesus, what do our words reveal about our hearts?
- [Oct 1] Matthew 12:38-42 | What comparison is Jesus drawing in this passage?
- [Oct 2] Matthew 12:43-50 | Jesus calls His followers brothers and sisters. What does this mean for our relationship with Him?



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