




November

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our November 2021 reading plan! We will be continuing our study of the book of Matthew, looking at a new chapter each week as we dive deeper into the ministry of Jesus. Before you read each day, meditate on Matthew 16:24-26a , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" – Matthew 16:24-26a

- [November 1] Matthew 15:1-9 | Is there an area of your life where you are honoring Jesus with your lips, but your heart is far from him? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal this to you and invite Him into these spaces to teach you and grow you.
- [2] Matthew 15:10-20 | What are you taking into your heart, mind and body on a daily basis? Is it what defiles or is it what brings life and wholeness and godliness?
- [3] Matthew 15:21-28 | Jesus extends grace and healing to a woman who would've been considered an enemy of Israel. How does this interaction between Jesus and the Canaanite woman challenge how you think about the Gospel?
- [4] Matthew 15:21-28 | Though He came initially to the Jews, we see throughout the Bible that Jesus meant salvation to be for all the nations! Spend some time today praying for people around the world who do not yet know Christ.
- [5] Matthew 15:29-31 | How does this passage challenge or affirm your view of who Jesus is?
- [6] Matthew 15:32-39 | How do you think the disciples would have felt experiencing this miraculous feeding for a second time, this time feeding primarily Gentiles?

Sunday, November 7th

- [8] Matthew 16:1-4 | Jesus challenges these leaders in their understanding of earthly things, but their lack of understanding of heavenly things. Spend some time in prayer today and ask God to help you fix your mind on the things above.
- [9] Matthew 16:5-12 | The disciples, though they've witnessed miracles and walked with Jesus for years, still have a hard time understanding and believing Him. How does this encourage you in your walk with Jesus?
- [10] Matthew 16:13-20 | Why is our answer to the question, "Who do you say that I am?" so important for us as believers?
- [11] Mark 8:27-30 | Why do you think Jesus told his followers not to reveal his true identity at that time?
- [12] Matthew 16:21-23 | What do you think it would have felt like for the disciples to hear Jesus talk about his suffering and death?
- [13] Matthew 16:24-28 | What does it look like for you personally to deny yourself and take up your cross? Is the Lord leading you into or out of anything? If you're not sure, spend some time in prayer today asking for wisdom and guidance!

Sunday, November 14th

- [15] Matthew 17:1-8 | What an incredible scene! What is your response as you read this passage? How does this stand out compared to what we've seen of Jesus in His ministry up until now?
- [16] Matthew 17:9-13 | As in the previous chapter, why do you think Jesus was having them conceal these miraculous revelations and experiences until a certain time?

- [17] Isaiah 53:1-5 | This is just one of the prophecies Jesus was referencing yesterday when He spoke of the suffering of the Son of Man. Spend some time reflecting on this passage today and all that Christ did to set us free.
- [18] Luke 9:28-36 | What do you think the conversation between Moses (the law-giver) Elijah (the great prophet) and Jesus, (the Messiah) would have been like?
- [19] Matthew 17:14-23 | Jesus is patient with the disciples in their unbelief and struggle, continually extending grace and teaching them. How has Jesus shown Himself patient and gracious in your own walk with Him?
- [20] Matthew 17:24-27 | How does Jesus reveal his divine nature in this passage?

Sunday, November 21st

- [22] This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, a season of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at His second coming. What do you need to do to prepare your heart to Christ in this season?
- [23] Watch this video and reflect upon all that we've learned as we've walked through Matthew so far. Write down some new insights you've gained: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew-1-13/>
- [24] Do the same thing you did yesterday, though this video will talk about some parts of Matthew that we've covered and some we haven't. As you reflect on what we've learned, write down some new insights: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew-14-28/>
- [25] Matthew 1:18-25 | Before we dive into Advent, let's re-read the Matthew account of Jesus' birth. Ask the Lord to show you something new in this very familiar passage.
- [26] Matthew 2:1-12 | Take note of the great care that God took in orchestrating the birth of Christ and how He honored and protected the Messiah once He came onto the Earth. What does this care show you about the character of our Heavenly Father?
- [27] Spend some time today in prayer for those in your life who are far from the Lord, who are isolated, who are struggling. As we enter into the Christmas season of family and celebration, ask God to bring those people to mind in prayer more often.

Sunday, November 28th

- [29] Isaiah 9:2-7 | In this season of political and global intensity and uncertainty, what comfort does this beautiful prophecy bring you?
- [30] Micah 5:2-4 | What does it say about our God that He constantly chooses the small, the weak, and the lowly to be used for His divine purposes?



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