




OCTOBER

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our October 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 your read each day, meditate on Matthew 13:44  , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." – Matthew 13:44

WEEK 1

- [Oct 1] Matthew 12:38-42 | What comparison is Jesus drawing in this passage?
- [2] Matthew 12:43-50 | Jesus calls His followers brothers and sisters. What does this mean for our relationship with Him?

WEEK 2

Sunday, October 3rd (IN Sunday)

- [4] Matthew 13:1-9 | Many of us are familiar with this parable! Without reading ahead in Matthew, write down what you think the sower and each seed/soil combination represents.
- [5] Matthew 13:10-17 | In your own words, how would you describe why Jesus chooses to teach in parables?
- [6] Isaiah 6:9-10 | This is the prophecy Jesus referenced in yesterday's text. Even though they had Jesus right in front of them, so many were still rebelling against Him and rejecting Him! Spend time today thanking Jesus for opening your eyes and heart to the truth of the Gospel.
- [7] Matthew 13:18-23 | How does your analysis from Monday compare with how Jesus breaks down this parable?
- [8] Matthew 13:1-9 | As you read this parable again, ask yourself, what kind of heart do you have? What can we do to continue to cultivate good soil in our hearts that is always ready to receive the truth God is sowing?
- [9] This parable and the ones to come this month are familiar to many of us. Spend some time today asking God to make His Word new today and each day. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and insight as you dive deeply into the Word!

WEEK 3

Sunday, October 10th

- [11] Matthew 13:24-30 | As you did with the Parable of the Sower, without reading ahead, write down what you think the meaning of this parable is? What do the wheat and weeds represent? Who is the master, servants, and enemy?
- [12] Matthew 13:31-33 | Jesus is saying that the Kingdom of Heaven, or the rule and reign of Jesus, will grow from humble beginnings and ultimately overcome all! What is your reaction to these two teachings?
- [13] Matthew 13:34-35 | Once again, Jesus is showing Himself to be the fulfillment of scripture. Can you think of and write down another example from Matthew when Jesus fulfilled a prophecy or scriptural prediction about the Messiah?
- [14] Matthew 13:36-43 | How did your analysis from Monday compare to Jesus' explanation? What is your reaction to Jesus' teaching?
- [15] Matthew 13:44-46 | What similar lesson is being taught in these two short parables?

- [16] Matthew 13:47-52 | Have you ever considered that we are in a position of great privilege as believers today? We can look back and clearly see the value in the Old and New Testament, clearly see that Jesus is the promised Messiah since the beginning! Spend time praising God for this gift of perspective and ask Him for even deeper insight!

WEEK 4

Sunday, October 17th

- [18] Matthew 13:53-58 | How can the rejection of Jesus by His hometown serve as a warning for you?
- [19] Matthew 14:1-12 | John was obedient to speaking the truth of God to the King regardless of the consequences. Why is it better to have costly faith than convenient unbelief?
- [20] Matthew 14:13-18 | How do you see Jesus' compassion in this passage despite His own personal grief at losing His cousin?
- [21] Matthew 14:19-21 | What effect do you think this miracle had on Jesus' disciples? How would you feel standing there looking into your own full basket of leftovers from this miraculous feast?
- [22] John 6:25-40 | Why was Jesus calling out the motivation of the crowds? What did He want them to understand?
- [23] What can we learn from Jesus' example of ministering with perseverance despite grief, rejection and misunderstanding?

WEEK 5

Sunday, October 24th

- [25] Matthew 14:22-27 | The disciples were clearly shocked to see Jesus walking on water! Do you think you would have responded in fear if you were them?
- [26] Mark 6:45-50 | In vs.48 we see that Jesus meant to pass by the disciples, but He changes plans and responds to their fear with comfort and His presence. How have you felt or seen Jesus respond to your needs in a moment of crisis?
- [27] Matthew 14:28-1 | What do you think happened in Peter's heart and mind that made him begin to sink?
- [28] Matthew 14:32-33 | This is the first time Jesus' disciples declare Him to be Messiah! What do you think your response would have been to all that they had seen in the past day of ministering with Jesus?
- [29] Matthew 14:34-36 | How does Jesus' healing power display His deity?
- [30] How do you see Jesus when you picture Him? Is it as a friend? As King and Creator, who can control the wind and waves? Some combination of both? Ask God to reveal your heart today and to expand your picture of who Jesus is in your heart and mind!

Sunday, October 31st



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