

Bible Reading for Week of April 21, 2024

Monday, April 22 – Matthew 11:7-19

Meditate on verses 16-17. Jesus often used children as illustrations of the truth of His teaching. How does Jesus compare the generation of people among whom he lived with the fickleness of children? In verse 18-19, Jesus seems to be saying that He and John the Baptist wouldn't please the crowd or avoid their accusations no matter what they did. How does our current generation call upon Christians to dance along with the crowd?

Tuesday, April 23 – Romans 7:7-14

How did Paul come to see the true "sinfulness" of sin? Why is the Law of God such an important and necessary tool in the task of evangelism? Would it be true to say that there is no truly "good news" unless there is also truly "bad news?" Read vs. 24-25 at the end of this chapter. How did Paul's realization of his true sinfulness lead him to respond to the person and work of Jesus?

Wednesday, April 24 – Daniel 3:1-18

In the light of Daniel 2:44-45, why do you think Nebuchadnezzar still set up a huge image of gold at the beginning of chapter 3? Why was the King so upset that Daniel's three friends wouldn't dance to his tune? Did the three friends stand firm for the truth because they knew the Lord would save them from the furnace (see vs. 17-18)? The assurance of the three friends has been the conviction of every Christian martyr who has held fast despite threats of persecution. Have you made that same commitment today to not serve the gods or worship the images set up by our own culture?

Thursday, April 25 – Luke 24:36-49

Meditate on verse 44-45. How do you read the Old Testament differently knowing that Jesus is on every page? How can this truth help us not to neglect the reading of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation? If Jesus needed to open their minds to understand the Scriptures, what does that tell you about your own ability to study the Bible, take to heart a sermon, or grow in your love for Scripture apart from prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit?

Friday, April 26 – Pick any Psalm to read

Read over the Psalm you have chosen two or three times and ask yourself these questions regarding this Psalm: How does this Psalm express the experience, suffering, joys, or life of Jesus in His human nature as He lived on earth? Identify anything declared in this Psalm which only comes to fulfillment through the life, death, resurrection, ascension, or coming return of Jesus. Meditate on Colossians 3:16.

Saturday, April 27 – Acts 13:26-39

According to this passage, what are some of the gospel truths regarding Jesus which were written in the Psalms? Even though the prophets were read every Sabbath, many did not understand that the prophets spoke of Jesus (vs. 27). Why did they not see Him if He is so clearly spoken of there? Are we "missing" Jesus in our own Bible readings and worship services? Pray for eyes to see Him!