

BIBLE READING PLAN

April - May, 2023

Palm Sunday

- March 27 Matthew 19:16-30
- March 28 Matthew 20:1-16
- March 29 Matthew 20:17-19
- March 30 Matthew 20:20-28
- March 31 Matthew 20:29-34
- April 1 Matthew 21:1-11

Easter Sunday

- April 3 Matthew 26:1-30
- April 4 Matthew 26:31-56
- April 5 Matthew 26:57-75
- April 6 Matthew 27:1-31
- April 7 Matthew 27:32-66
- April 8 Matthew 28:1-10

The Sermon on the Mount

- April 10 Matthew 6:1-4
- April 11 2 Corinthians 9:7-9
- April 12 Matthew 6:5-8
- April 13 Mark 12:38-40
- April 14 Matthew 6:16-18
- April 15 Mark 2:18-20

- April 17 Exodus 16:1-36
- April 18 Psalm 104:10-18
- April 19 Luke 8:4-15
- April 20 Luke 9:1-6
- April 21 Philippians 4:6-7
- April 22 Matthew 6:25-34

- April 24 Romans 2:1-4
- April 25 James 4:11-12
- April 26 Matthew 18:15-20
- April 27 Galatians 6:1-5
- April 28 James 2:8-13
- April 29 Matthew 7:1-5

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- May 1 Matthew 21:18-22
- May 2 John 14:12-14
- May 3 John 15:5-8
- May 4 John 15:9-17
- May 5 James 1:5-8
- May 6 Matthew 7:7-11

- May 8 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- May 9 Ezekiel 34:1-10
- May 10 Exodus 7:8-13
- May 11 Matthew 24:23-25
- May 12 Matthew 25:1-13
- May 13 Matthew 7:15-23

- May 15 Ezekiel 33:30-32
- May 16 Psalm 1:1-6
- May 17 Matthew 21:28-32
- May 18 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- May 19 James 1:22-25
- May 20 Matthew 7:24-27

- May 22 Matthew 5:1-16
- May 23 Matthew 5:17-48
- May 24 Matthew 6:1-34
- May 25 Matthew 7:1-14
- May 26 Matthew 7:15-27
- May 27 Matthew 7:28-29

1. Read

Find a place and a time for Bible reading that is quiet and uninterrupted.

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your reading.

Keep the passage fairly short.

If your situation allows for it, read the passage aloud.

As you read, listen for a word or phrase that speaks to you. What is the Spirit drawing your attention to?

2. Meditate

Focusing on the word or phrase to which you are drawn, make connections between it and your life. Why do you think it speaks to you? How is your life touched by this word? How does it affect you? Does it connect with an experience in your life? Why might God be drawing your attention to this particular word or phrase?

State in one or two sentences to yourself the connection between the word or phrase and your life.

3. Savor

Move from the activity of prayer to a time of stillness. Simply rest in God's presence. Stay open to God. Listen to God. Remain in silence before God. Trust that God is feeding you spiritually through the entire process of read/meditate/savor/apply.

Here, we are not in control. It is up to God. It's about being, rather than doing. Relationally, it is the experience of being with the God who loves us.

4. Apply

Take the thoughts you have been having and ask yourself whether there is an invitation from God for you to respond to, such as asking for guidance or for forgiveness. Is there a need in your life that has come to light, a person you need to speak with or an action you need to take? What would God have you do?

Now, go back to the text and start the process over again, listening for a new word or phrase.

When you come to the end of your Bible reading time, close with a prayer of "thank you, God" and enter into the tasks of the day, taking with you this sense of God's presence, this experience of God's love and guidance through his word.