

Questions for Daily Reading Plan

Day 1

The Lord (Jehovah = “the existing One”, YHWH) “called out” the Israelite priests and people for several things in Malachi chapters 1 and 2. What are the four questioning responses to the Lord?

Have you ever asked, or do you know someone who asked, these types of questions back to God? What type of attitude do these responses reflect? Is there any application in these verses for us today? How do we respond to conviction?

Day 2

How was Israel robbing God? Mal 3:7-8 What does God promise Israel if they bring their whole tithes? Mal 3:10-12

Who does this promise apply to? If this promise does not apply to the church, is there still a principle to be learned by Christians? If so, what is it?

What “day” does God say is coming? Mal 4:1,5 Who does God promise to send before that day? And for what purpose? Mal 4:5-6

Day 3

In Matthew’s account of Jesus’s birth and first 1-2 years, do we hear more about Mary or Joseph? Why? Matt 1:18-2:23 What good examples do we see in this account concerning Joseph?

Day 4

John the Baptist.

What was the essence of John’s message? Matt 3:2

Where did John preach? Matt 3:1 What are some ways in which John differed from Jesus in his lifestyle? Why? Matt 3:1,4

Why did John baptize in water following confession of sins? 3:6,11

What was his warning to the scribes and Pharisees? 3:7-10

What did John testify concerning the coming Messiah? Matt 3:11-12 What did he mean by this?

Why did Jesus come to be baptized by John? 3:14-17

The Temptation.

Why was Jesus not tempted until after he had fasted for 40 days in the wilderness? Matt 4:2-3

What were the three temptations and how did Jesus respond to each? Matt 4:3-10

Why did Jesus quote scripture? From what part of Scripture did Jesus quote? Matt 4:3-10

What did Jesus mean by “man shall not live by bread alone?” (Look at this scripture in context: Deut 8:2-4)

Why was Jesus tempted and at this time?

Day 5

When did Jesus return to Galilee to preach? Where did He take up residence? Matt 4:12-13. What was the core message of His preaching at this time? Matt 4:17,23 What is the “gospel of the kingdom”? Matt 4:23 Sermon on the Mount.

Why does Jesus tell His disciples they are salt and light? What does He mean by this and what are they (and we) to apply from this? Matt 5:13-16

What did Jesus say about anger and name calling? Matt 5:22 Does this mean that Christians should never be angry? Or under what conditions? (Look at Prv 16:32; Eccl 7:9; James 1:19-20; Eph 4:26-27)

What did Jesus say about a man looking on a woman with lust for her? Matt 5:27-28

What did Jesus say about a man divorcing his wife? How does this make her commit adultery? Matt 5:31-32 What does the “exception” given here by Jesus mean and why is it not included in the other gospels? Matt 5:32; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18

Why did Jesus tell them to “make no oath at all”? Matt 5:34,37 What was His primary concern / reason for this command? Matt 5:33-37 How should we apply this? Does it forbid testifying in court under oath?

Why does Jesus teach His disciples not to seek the justice prescribed in the Law when they are wronged? Matt 5:38-42 How should we apply this principle?

Why does Jesus say we should love our enemies? Matt 5:44-48

What principle underlies Jesus’ teaching concerning giving to the poor, prayer, and fasting? Matt 6:1-4;5-7;16-18

In the Lord’s Prayer, what are the specific petitions included? Why is the first one the first? Matt 6:9-13

Day 6 (Catch-up day)

Day 7

Should we be motivated to seek after / work to acquire wealth? What does Jesus say our focus should be? Matt 6:19-24

Should we be very concerned with / anxious about obtaining the basics for life (food, clothing, ...)? Why not? Matt 6:25-34 What does He command concerning this anxiety? Matt 6: 25,31,34. What should be our focus instead? Matt 6:33

“Do not judge” - does Jesus’s mean we are never to render judgement on matters? If so, how could we ever serve on a jury, or as a judge, or even fulfill our roles as parents or bosses? Matt 7:1-5 How does 7:3-5 relate to 7:1-3? What does Jesus we are to do or not do?

Does Jesus promise we will receive everything we ask for? That we will find everything we seek? That every “door” we “knock” on will be “opened” for us? What is He truly teaching and encouraging here? Matt 7:7-11

What does Jesus say sums up the Law and the Prophets? Why / in what way? Matt 7:12

What four (4) principles, guidelines and cautions does Jesus give us for how we are to recognize those who are truly His (His disciples, followers)? #1 Matt 7:13-14; #2 Matt 7:15-20; #3 Matt 7:21-23; #4 Matt 7:24-27

Day 8

Miracles.

What miracles of Jesus are described in chapters 8 & 9? Matt 8:3; 6,13; 14-15;26; 28,32; 9:6; 9:18,25; 9:20-22;9:29-30;9:32-33; 9:35

In your opinion, which of these are the three “greatest” miracles? Why?

What was Jesus’ purpose in doing these and similar miracles?

Why did Jesus praise the centurion? 8:7-10 What did Jesus afterwards say to those following Him concerning the Gentiles? 8:10-12

When the paralytic man was brought to Jesus, why did He not immediately heal him? What was His purpose? 9:2-8

Day 9

Jesus gave His disciples instructions on what they were to do and not do. In 10:7 what message are they to proclaim? What does this mean?

What did Jesus tell his disciples to expect as they obeyed Him? Matt 10:16-24 Should we expect anything different today? How are the disciples told to respond? Matt 10:26-31

Jesus ends this chapter with some sobering statements about Himself and those who will be his followers. What is Jesus asking from us? Matt 10:32-38 What promise does Jesus give to those who are His disciples? Matt 10:39

Day 10

The Sabbath.

For what reason were Jesus’ disciples accused of breaking the sabbath? 12:1-2

What examples does Jesus relate from Scripture in their defense? 12:3-5

What Scripture does Jesus quote in their defense? 12:7 How does this scripture apply to this situation?

What authority does Jesus claim for Himself concerning the sabbath? 12:8

What did Jesus do on the sabbath that caused the Pharisees to believe He was breaking the Sabbath and to seek to destroy Him? 12:9-14 Why did Jesus do this even knowing their attempt to entrap Him?

Day 11

Parables.

What parables did Jesus teach in chapter 13? And what is the key teaching/point of each?

What was the overall topic addressed by all of these? Summarize the teachings of these parables.

Day 12

Why did Jesus feed the 5,000 and the 4,000? What lesson was He trying to teach His disciples? 14:15-21; 15:32-39; 16:7-11

Day 13 (Catch-up day)

Day 14

What did Jesus say we must do to “come after” Him? 16:24-26 What does it mean to do this? What reason does Jesus give why we should do this? 16:25-26

Day 15

What did Jesus teach concerning the importance of children? 18:3-6;10 In what way must we become like children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven? And why is this associated with being the “greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

What did Jesus teach about how we should address a brother who is in sin? 18:15-17 What sort of sins are meant here? Are we to do this with every criticism we may have or every suspicion of bad motive or attitude, etc.? Are there ever good reasons to skip one of these steps?

What did Jesus teach about forgiveness? 18:21-35 Is there any wrong that can be done to you, or to someone you care about, that is so great it should not be forgiven? Is forgiveness an emotion you cannot control? Or a decision you make in spite of any feelings?

Day 16

Divorce & Remarriage. What was the question asked by the Pharisees? 19:3 What was Jesus’ answer from the Creation account? 19:4-6 How did Jesus explain Moses’ guidance on divorce? 19:7-8

How did Jesus tie divorce to breaking one of the ten commandments? 19:9 How did the disciples respond to this teaching? 19:10 What is the meaning of the exception Jesus mentions? 19:9

Why did Jesus tell the wealthy young man to give up all his wealth? 19:16-22 Why did Jesus not make this a requirement for all? What did Jesus say about rich men entering the Kingdom of Heaven? 19:24-26

What did Jesus teach about rewards for His followers? 19:27-30 What was the lesson of the parable of the landowner and his laborers? 20:1-16

What did Jesus teach about leadership roles among His followers? 20:25-28

Day 17

With what question did the Pharisees try to entrap Jesus? And what was the trap? 22:15-17 How did Jesus respond – defeating their trap? 22:19-21. What are applications of this principle for us?

Day 18

How are Jesus' disciples to be very different from the Pharisees? 23:5-12 What does this teach about the use of titles within the church?

Day 19

What is the lesson of the parable of the 10 virgins? 25:1-13 What is the lesson of the parable of the talents? 25:14-30

Day 20 (Catch-up day)

Day 21

Why did Judas betray Jesus? 26:14-15; 47-50

Day 22

Why afterwards did he return the money? 27:3-5

Day 23

When Jesus met with His disciples in Galilee after His resurrection, what did He charge them to do? Matt 28:18-20 Identify each part of this command. Does this command apply today? If so, to whom? "Who" should be doing this?

Day 24

What was the message Jesus first was preaching? Mk 1:14-15 Why were the people of Capernaum amazed at Jesus' teaching? Mk 1:21-22,27

Day 25

What did Jesus say to the paralytic that the scribes took issue with? Mk 2:5-7 Why did Jesus say this before telling the man to walk? Mk 2:8-11

For what did the scribes fault Jesus when he was dining at the home of Levi? And how did Jesus respond to them? Mk 2:16-17

About what did both John's disciples and the Pharisees question Jesus? And how did He respond? Mk 2:18-20 What was Jesus referring to when He spoke of patching cloth and old wine skins? Mk 2:21-22

When questioned about His disciples picking grain to eat on the Sabbath, what did Jesus teach about the Sabbath, and what did He mean? Mk 2:27-28

What question did Jesus ask about the Sabbath while in the synagogue? Mk 3:4 Why did He ask this question and what was the correct answer? Why did Jesus feel anger and grief on this occasion? Mk 3:4-5

Day 26

How did the unclean spirits react when they saw Jesus? Why do you think they responded this way? Mk 3:22 How did Jesus respond to them? What was the consequence of this belief? Mk 3:23-30

Jesus quotes from Isaiah 6 in Mark 4:12 as his answer to the disciples request to explain the meaning of the parables. (Read Isaiah 6:1-10 to see this quote in context.) How do parables test the spiritual responsiveness of those who hear them?

Day 27 (Catch-up day)**Day 28**

While crossing the seas of Galilee, why did Jesus' disciples wake Him up? Mk 4:37-38 Should they have been afraid in this situation? Is there an application from this for us? Why were they afraid afterwards? Mk 4:41

Why did Jairus seek out Jesus? Mk 5:22-23 What news came before they reached Jairus' home? And what was Jesus' response? Mk 5:35-36 Why did Jesus restore her to life privately (with just her parents and His companions) and then strictly ordered them to tell no one? Mk 5:40,43

What problem did Jesus encounter in Nazareth? Mk 6:1-4 Why did few believe? Mk 6:5-6

Day 29

Why did Herod first imprison John the Baptist and then later put him to death? Mk 6:17-19; 22-26

What is the lesson Jesus' disciples (and the rest of us) should learn from the feeding of the 5,000? Mk 6:37-44 What miracles from the Old Testament were similar in some way?

What scared Jesus' disciples when they were crossing the Sea of Galilee at night without Him? Mk 6:47-50 Why were they "utterly astonished?" Mk 6:51-52

Day 30

How much time do you think elapsed between Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ in Mk 8:29 and the rebuke he received from Jesus in 8:33? What warning and application do you think we can take away from Peter's high to his subsequent low?

Day 31

What did Moses teach about divorce? Mk 10:3-4 & Deut 24:1-3 What did Jesus teach concerning divorce? Mk 10:6-9 Why does Jesus tie the sin of adultery to divorce? Mk 10:11-12

Why did the disciples try to turn away parents bringing their children to Jesus? Mk 10:13 Why did Jesus rebuke His disciples? Mk 10:14 What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a child? Mk 10:15

Day 32

When Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey, what did the people shout? Mk 11:9-10 What did the crowd think about Jesus and what was about to happen? Mk 11:9-10

Day 33

Parable of the Vineyard. What does the vineyard represent? Who are the renters (vine growers)? Who are the slaves sent to get some of the produce? What is the concluding warning of this parable? Mk 12:1-9

Questions for Jesus. What were the two questions asked in hopes of trapping Jesus? How did He answer without falling into their traps? Mk 12:13-27

What did Jesus cite as the greatest commandment? Why is it so? Mk 12:28-30 What command did Jesus say was the 2nd greatest? Why? Mk 12:31

Day 34 (Catch-up day)**Day 35**

How much did the widow put into the treasury? Mk 12:42 Jesus said that this was more than all the contributions to the temple treasury that day. How can this be true? Mk 12:44

What is the most sacrificial gift you have ever seen another person give and why do you feel it tops the list?

Day 36

What was Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane? Mk 14:36 What did He mean by this? Why did He pray this? What can we learn from this example?

The Trial of Jesus. Why were witnesses called to testify against Jesus? What was the problem with the witness they were able to find? Mk 14:55-56, 59 Given this problem, on what basis was Jesus condemned? Mk 14:61-64

Day 37

Did Pilate believe Jesus was guilty of a crime and deserving of the death penalty? Mk 15:2-5, 9-10, 14 Why did Pilate condemn Jesus to be scourged and crucified? Mk 15:9-15 What was the error /sin in Pilate's decision making? Are we ever tempted to make similar bad judgments?

Day 38

Why do many versions either bracket or exclude Mark 16:9-20?

Day 39

What was Luke's purpose in writing his gospel? What methods and materials did he use in doing so? Lk 1:1-4

What was Zacharias told about his son that would be born? Lk 1:15-17

For what was Zacharias punished in his meeting with the angel? What was the nature of his punishment? Lk 1:18-20 In what way was Mary's response to the angel different? Lk 1:34,38

What things did Gabriel tell Mary about Jesus' future? Lk 1:32-33 Why did the angel tell Mary about Elizabeth? Lk 1:36

What did Zacharias say would be the purpose of his son, John? Lk 1:76-77

Day 40

How is it Jesus came to be born in Bethlehem? Lk 2:1-6

Why did Mary and Joseph go to Jerusalem? Lk 2:22-24

Who was Simeon and what had he been promised by God? Lk 2:25-26 Who was Anna? Lk 2:36-37

What was God's purpose(s) for the meeting with Simeon and Anna at the temple? Lk 2:25-38

Day 41 (Catch-up day)**Day 42**

How did John the Baptist prepare the people for Jesus? Lk 3:3,9,15-17

Day 43

What made the people of Nazareth so angry that they would try to throw Jesus off a cliff? Lk 4:22-30

Day 44

Why did Jesus, after teaching from Simon Peter's boat, instruct him to let down his net to catch fish? How was Peter impacted by this? Luke 5:4-11

Day 45

Jesus said to "lend, expecting nothing in return" (Lk 6:35). Should we lend to friends or relatives or only give? How should we feel if an amount lent is not repaid? Even if we see many indications that they have the ability to repay?

Day 46

What reason did the Jewish leaders give to Jesus as to why He should come and heal the centurion's servant and how did they sum up the centurion's character? Lk 7:4-5 Did the centurion agree with their assessment of his character? Lk 7:6-8 Do you think Jesus marveled at the centurion because of his benevolent actions for the Jews or because of his honest assessment of himself? Lk 7:9 What could we learn from the character of the centurion?

Day 47

Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:5-15). Which of these represent those who are truly saved? What makes the difference – what is the "good soil" – that results in some holding fast to the Word and bearing fruit? Luke 8:12-15 Why did Jesus tell this parable – what was His purpose?

Day 48 (Catch-up day)**Day 49**

Why did Jesus send out His 12 disciples? Luke 9:1-6

What were the people saying about who Jesus was? Luke 9:7-8 What did Herod think upon hearing all of this? Luke 9:7-9

What response did Jesus receive from His own disciples when He asked them who He was? Luke 9:18-20 Why did He warn them NOT to tell others? Luke 9:21-22 Why did they also tell no one about Jesus' transfiguration until after His death? Luke 9:36; Matt 17:9

Day 50

Why did Jesus appoint and send out 70 others? Luke 10:1-9 What did they report back to Jesus when they returned? Luke 10:17

Day 51

Since His power over demons had to come from either Satan or God, what were the implications if it was from God? Lk 11:20

What fault did Jesus find in the Pharisee in spite of his ceremonial cleanliness? Lk 11:39

Day 52

Who does Jesus say His disciples SHOULD NOT fear? Lk 12:4 Who SHOULD they fear? Lk 12:5

What did Jesus warn His disciples to beware of in Lk 12:15? He followed this word with an illustrative story about a rich man. What was the point of this story? Lk 12:16-21

Day 53

Why did Jesus accuse them of hypocrisy when they criticized His healing of a woman on the Sabbath? Lk 13:15-16

Day 54

What criticism was Jesus responding to when He told the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son? Lk 15:1-2

In the Prodigal Son, who does the older brother represent? Lk 15:25-30 How did the father explain his actions? Lk 15:31-32 What does this story teach us about God?

Day 55 (Catch-up day)**Day 56**

What is the lesson(s) of the story of Lazarus and the rich man? Lk 16:19-31

What did Jesus answer the Pharisees as to when the Kingdom of God was coming? Lk 17:20-21 What did Jesus then tell His disciples about when He would come again? Lk. 17:24,26-30

Day 57

What did Jesus teach concerning prayer in the parable of a judge and a widow? Lk 18:1-8

Day 58

When His disciples supposed the Kingdom of God was about to appear, Jesus told them the parable of the minas (Lk 19:11-27). What did this parable teach about what would be happening next and the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth? Lk 19:12,15

What were the nobleman's servants entrusted with and what were they supposed to do in His absence? Lk 19:13

What reward was given to the servants who made more money with what they were given? Lk 19:15-19

Why was one of the servants condemned by his master? Lk 19:22-23

What is the lesson of this parable?

Day 59

Jesus told a prophetic parable concerning the scribes and chief priests (Lk 20:9-19) What did this parable prophesy they would do to Jesus? Lk 20:13-15

What did this parable prophesy would happen, as a result, to the Jewish leaders? Lk 20:9, 16

What does Jesus prophesy will happen to the temple? Lk 21:5-6

When asked when this will occur, what does Jesus say will happen first? Lk 21:12

How will they know Jerusalem's destruction is near? Lk 21:20

Those in Judaea will be killed or led captive into all the nations and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the gentiles until what? Lk 21:24

Day 60

What did Jesus warn Simon Peter about earlier in the evening before He was arrested? Lk 22:31 Why was Jesus concerned about Peter's faith? Lk 22:32

Why Peter? Why might Satan have targeted him and God allowed it? Lk 22:31-34

How did Peter respond when he later remembered Jesus's words about this? Lk 22: 60-62 Do you think this was something God caused to work for good in Peter's life?

Day 61

Why did Pilate sentence Jesus to death by crucifixion? Lk 23:2,4-5,13-16

Two criminals were crucified with Jesus, one mocked Him while the other defended Him. Lk 23:39-41 What request did the criminal defending Jesus make of Him? Lk 23:42 What was Jesus' response and what did it mean? Lk 23:43

What indications are there of the criminal's faith and possible repentance?

What does this account imply about the role of baptism in salvation?

What does it teach about the time period between death and the resurrection of all dead?

Day 62 (Catch-up day)

Day 63

What was Jesus' purpose in His resurrection appearance on the road to Emmaus? Lk 24:13-35

How did the disciples react when Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst? Lk 24:36-37 What did Jesus say and do to prove He was not just a spirit? Lk 24: 38-43

Day 64

John begins his gospel sharing his insights into the nature and purpose of Jesus. Why is Jesus called “the Word” by John? John 1:1,14; Rev 19:13,16

What does John say about Jesus’s nature, role in creation and the beginning of His existence? John 1:1-3,10

What was Jesus’ purpose for coming into this world? John 1:12-13

Day 65

Who did John say Jesus was, and what do these terms mean? Jn 1:34, 36

What name did Jesus give Simon, and what does this name mean? Jn 1:42

Day 66

The Wedding at Cana. Jesus attended a wedding sometime after His baptism and temptation, accompanied by some of His disciples. What miracle did Jesus perform? Jn 2: 3-10

Why did Jesus perform this miracle and why did John include this account in his gospel? What does this miracle teach about Jesus and His power? Jn 2:11

Discussion with Nicodemus. What did Jesus say was necessary to see the Kingdom of Heaven and obtain eternal life? Jn 3:3-5,16 What does it mean to be “born of the Spirit” or to be “born again”? Jn 3:3-6

What does Jesus disclose about Himself to Nicodemus? Jn 3:12-18

Why does Jesus refer to the account of Moses lifting up the serpent and compare this to what must happen with Him? What are the similarities? Jn 3:14-15 Num 21:6-9

Who does Jesus say will have eternal life in Jn 3:16? Why did God send Jesus to earth? Jn 3:16-17

How did John the Baptist respond to hearing that “all” were going to Jesus to be baptized? Jn 3:26-30 What further testimony did John give to his followers concerning Jesus? Jn 3:31-36

Day 67

The Woman at the Well. How was it Jesus encountered and spoke to a Samaritan woman? Jn 4:3-4,5-7 How did Jesus turn the conversation about water into one about salvation and eternal life? Jn 4:7-14

How did Jesus deal with the woman wishing to argue about Samaritan beliefs that differed from the Jews? Jn 4:20-21

Day 68

Why were the Jews seeking to kill Jesus? Jn 5:18 What miracle had Jesus performed just prior to this on the Sabbath? Jn 5:8-9 Why was the man healed also accused of breaking the Sabbath? Jn 5:10-11

Day 69 (Catch-up day)

Day 70

The Bread of Life Discourse. Why did the crowd pursue Jesus to the other side of the sea? Jn 6:26 What did Jesus instead urge them to seek? Jn 6:27

What is the true “bread of heaven”? Jn 6:32-33,35 What did Jesus promise concerning those who come to Him? Jn 6:37,39

WHO does Jesus say will come to Him? Jn 6:37,44 Why did many people stop following Jesus after this discourse? Jn 6:53-58, 60, 66

Day 71

Who will know whether Jesus’ teaching is truly from God? Jn 7:17 Why?

Why did the officers sent to seize Jesus return without Him? Jn 7:32,45-46

Day 72

What did Jesus say about those who keep His word? Jn 8:51 Why did some of the Jews take offense at this? Jn 8:52-53

Who did Jesus claim to be, in response to their questioning? Jn 8:54

What did Jesus say about Abraham and how did He explain His knowing Abraham? Jn 8:56-58 What claim was Jesus making about Himself and Abraham? Jn 8:58 Why did the Jews then try to stone him?

Day 73

When Jesus healed the man born blind, why did some of the Pharisees insist Jesus could not be from God? Jn 9:14,16 How did the healed blind man respond to the accusing Pharisees who were insisting that he agree that Jesus was a sinner? Jn 9:24-25; 29-33

The Door of the Sheep & The Good Shepherd. For what purpose does Jesus say He has come? Jn 10:10 Why does Jesus call Himself the Good Shepherd? Jn 10:11,14

Day 74

Is it possible for one of his sheep to be lost to Him? Jn 10:27-30

Day 75

Lazarus. What did Jesus tell Martha about resurrection? And what did He mean by Vs. 25-26? Jn 11:23-26

Why did Jesus weep, though He knew Lazarus would rise? 11:33-35 Why did John record this? What comfort should we receive from this?

What was the reaction of the Pharisees and chief priests to this miracle? Jn 11:45-48,53

Day 76 (Catch-up day)**Day 77**

Before Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Passover people heard that He was at Bethany – why did they come to see Him there? Jn 12:1,9 Who were the chief priests planning to kill? Jn 12:10-11

What role did the resurrection of Lazarus play in Jesus’ reception at Jerusalem? Jn 12:12-13, 17-19

Day 78

How did some Pharisees react to Jesus and why? Jn 12:42-43

What is the relationship between faith in Jesus and faith in the Father? Jn 12:44-45

Day 79

What new commandment did Jesus give after Judas' departure? Jn 13:34-35 Why did he say this commandment was important? What did Jesus mean by Jn 14:6? Jn 14:4-6

Day 80 – Thanksgiving Day (Catch-up day)**Day 81**

What did Jesus say about His connection with the Father? Jn 14:9-11

What proves that we love Jesus? Jn 14:15,20-21,23-24 Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit for what purposes? Jn 14:26

What is necessary in order to bear fruit? Jn 15:2,4-6 Why do we need to be told this? What mistake are we prone to make?

What is Jesus' commandment? Jn 15:12 How is the greatest love shown? Jn 15:13

Day 82

What should we expect from the world? Why should we "take courage"? Jn 16:33

Day 83 (Catch-up day)**Day 84**

What requests did Jesus make of His Father for his disciples in His prayer before leaving for the garden of Gethsemane (John Chapter 17)?

Vs. 5?

Vs.11?

Vs. 15-17

Vs. 20-23 (who besides these disciples does He pray for here? and why did he pray this?)

Vs. 24?

Day 85

What accusations were made against Jesus before Pilate? Jn 18:30

Day 86

What accusation made Pilate more fearful? 19:7-8 What accusations against Jesus (and Pilate – if he failed to execute Jesus) caused Pilate to allow the crucifixion? Jn 19:12-13

Who took the body of Jesus to bury him? Who also assisted? Jn 19:38-40

Day 87

Why did Thomas doubt Jesus' resurrection? Why did John include this story concerning Thomas? Jn 20:24-29

Did John (and the other gospel writers) record all the signs Jesus performed? Jn 20:30 For what purpose did John record these signs of Jesus in his gospel? Jn 20:31

Day 88

After these things, where did Jesus again appear to his disciples? Jn 21:1 What were they doing at that time and where was Jesus? Jn 21:3-4.

How did they come to realize it was Jesus in the early dawn and at a distance? Jn 21:5-7 Why did He reveal Himself through this miracle?

Why did Jesus have this conversation with Peter in Jn 21:15-19? What did Jesus say to Peter about John in response to his question? Jn 21:21-23 What was His point to Peter (and also to us)?

Day 89

For how long after His resurrection did Jesus appear to his disciples and for what purposes? Acts 1:3 Why did He command them not to leave Jerusalem? What were they to wait for? Acts 1:4-5 What did Jesus charge them with doing after the Holy Spirit comes upon them? Acts 1:8

Day 90 (Catch-up day)

Day 91

What was Peter's answer on the day of Pentecost when the people asked "what shall we do"? Acts 2:37-38 After about 3,000 were baptized, what did the new church do? Acts 2:42-47 (How often did they meet, where did they meet, what did they do when they met)

Day 92

After the healing of the lame man, what did Peter tell the people they needed to do? Acts 3:19 How was this the same and/or different from what he said on Pentecost? Acts 2:37-38

How did Peter respond when they were commanded by the rulers, elders and scribes not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus? Acts 4:18-20

Day 93

What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira? Why did they do this? Why did God punish them in this way? Acts 5:1-11

Why did the high priests put the apostles in jail? Acts 5:12,14,17-18 How did they get out of jail? Acts 5:19-21

When they were brought back before the court and charged with not obeying the earlier command, how did they respond? Acts 5:29 When they were desiring to put them to death, how did they come to change their mind and release them? Acts 5:33-40

Choosing Seven Men.

What problem arose in the Jerusalem church (both the root issue and the problem developing between the two groups)? Acts 6:1 Why may this problem have developed?

How did the apostles decide to address this problem? 6:2-4 Why didn't they decide to personally take care of these widows?

Who determined the number of men needed, and the qualifications of the men to be chosen? What were the required qualifications? Act 6:3 Why were these qualifications needed for dealing with this problem?

Who was charged with actually selecting the qualified men? Acts 6:3,5 Who ordained / appointed these 7 to this ministry? Act 6:6

What is implied by the names of the 7 chosen? 6:5 Do you think these men provided food to ALL of the church widows or just the Greek widows? Were these the first deacons? Or perhaps just the forerunners of the deacon office?

Day 94

Stephen. What was Stephen doing that resulted in enemies accusing him of blasphemy? Acts 6:8-11 What were the key points Stephen made in his defense? Acts 7:35,39,51-53 How did the crowd respond to Stephen's defense? 7:54-60

Day 95

What was the cause of the scattering of the Jerusalem church? Acts 8:1-2 What was the impact on the spread of the gospel of this scattering? Acts 8:4 Where did Philip (one of the 7) go and what was he doing? Acts 8:5-7

What attracted Simon the magician to Philip and the faith? Acts 8:9-13 What mistake did Simon the Magician make and what rebuke did he receive? Acts 8:18-24

Why were Peter and John sent to Samaria? Acts 8:14-15 How did the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 8:15-17 Why did they not receive the Holy Spirit through the ministry of Philip (who preached, healed and worked miracles)? How did Philip come to meet an Ethiopian eunuch? Acts 8:26-29 What was the result of this meeting? Acts 8:36-38 How did Philip leave the Ethiopian? Acts 8:39-40

Conversion of Saul. Why was Saul going to Damascus? What happened to him along the road there? Acts 9:1-8 How did Saul come to be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 9:10-12, 17-18

Day 96

Cornelius & Peter. Who was Cornelius and why would Peter be reluctant to visit him? Acts 10:1-2,28 What happened while Peter was still speaking to Cornelius' group about Jesus? Acts 10:44-46 What was Peter's justification for baptizing these Gentiles? Acts 10:47-48

How did matters happen differently with these Gentiles than with the Samaritans? 10:44-47 vs. 8:14-18 What does this point out about the problems with establishing doctrine solely from historical examples? Why was Peter himself sent by God to speak to these Gentiles?

Day 97 (Catch-up day)

Day 98

How did the Christians in Jerusalem respond to the news of Peter preaching to Gentiles? Acts 11:1-3 What evidence did Peter cite as proof that God had accepted these Gentiles? Acts 11:15-17 Why do you think God sent the Spirit in this way to Cornelius and his gathering?

The Church at Antioch. Where were Jesus' disciples first called Christians? Acts 11:26 How did the church begin in Antioch? Acts 11:20-21 Who was sent to Antioch by the Jerusalem church to help guide the church there? Who did he recruit to come and help in this ministry? Acts 11:22-26

Day 99

Who were the early leaders of the church at Antioch? Acts 13:1-2 What were these leaders called? Why do you think they were not called elders or overseers at this time? Acts 13:1-2

Day 100

What sort of church government did Paul establish for the churches planted through his missionary efforts? Acts 14:23

The "Council" at Jerusalem. What dispute arose with the Judean Christians coming to Antioch? Acts 15:1 How did they decide to try to resolve this issue? Acts 15:2

In Jerusalem, what was the opinion of Pharisees who had become believers? Acts 15:5 What was the group gathered to decide this issue? Acts 15:6

What opinion did Peter express? Did he decide the issue? Acts 15:7-11 Did James decide the issue or just propose an agreeable solution? If not James, who did decide? Acts 15:13-14,19-20,22 What three things were asked of the Gentiles? Why? Acts 15:20,28-29

Day 101

How was Paul and Silas' imprisonment used to further spread the gospel in Philippi? Acts 16:23-25,30-32 What would have been the likely result if they had escaped from prison when given the opportunity? Acts 16:25-31

What are the Bereans known for (and praised for) from this account? Acts 17:11

Day 102

When Paul came to Ephesus he found some disciples that had believed but not received the Holy Spirit. What did Paul explain and then do that they would receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 19:1-7

Why hadn't they received the spirit at the time of belief? How had they come to believe without even knowing of the Holy Spirit? Acts 18:24-26

Why do you think receiving the Holy Spirit was on this occasion evidenced by prophecy and tongues? Acts 19:6 Do you think all of these thereafter had these two spiritual gifts?

Day 103

On what day of the week and in what part of the day did the church at Troas gather? Acts 20:7 On this occasion with Paul speaking to them for the last time, how late did they continue meeting? Acts 20:7,11 What accident and miracle occurred that evening? Acts 20:9-10,12

Day 104 (Catch-up day)

Day 105

Though Paul was welcomed by James and the elders of the Jerusalem church, what problem did he face with returning to Jerusalem? Acts 21:20-21 What happened when Paul was recognized in the temple? Acts 21:27-31 How were they prevented from killing Paul? Acts 21:31-32

Day 106

What did Paul declare as to the reason for his trial that divided the Council? Acts 23:6-7 Why did this cause such a division? Acts 23:8

How did God plan to use Paul's imprisonments for the spread of the gospel? Acts 23:11 What Roman officials in Caesarea heard Paul's defense? Acts 23:26; 24:24

Day 107

How did Paul avoid being sent back to Jerusalem? Acts 25:9-12 While remaining in Festus' custody, who else did Paul have opportunity to share his story and testimony? Acts 25:22-23

Day 108

When Paul arrived in Rome as a prisoner, how was he able to continue to spread the gospel? Acts 28:17,22-23, 30-31

Day 109

Why do you think the book of Acts ends where it does? Acts 28:30-31. Why do you suppose we do not have another book in the Bible continuing the story? Why was Acts written? Why important for this part of church history to be so documented?

Day 110 – Christmas Eve (Catch-up day)**Day 111 – Christmas Day (Catch-up day)****Day 112**

Had Paul ever visited Rome and the church that was there? Rom 1:9-10,13 Why was he writing this church? Rom 1:8,11,15

Why did Paul say he was not ashamed of the gospel? Rom 1:16 What does Paul say is revealed in the gospel? Rom 1:17

Day 113

Why does man have no excuse for failing to believe in God or for worshipping idols? Rom 1:18-23

How does God view homosexual acts? Rom 1:26-27

Is God partial towards the Jews or the Gentiles in judgement? Rom 2:9-11

Day 114

What advantage do the Jews have over Gentiles? Rom 3:1-2 Are Jews better than Gentiles? Rom 3:9

Does keeping the Law ever result in justification? Rom 3:19-20 How is righteousness and justification obtained (by both Jews and Gentiles)? Rom 3:21-24

Day 115

What did both Abraham and David learn about righteousness? Rom 4:1, 4-6 Can salvation be achieved by both faith and works together? Rom 4:4-5 Was circumcision required to make Abraham righteous? How do we know? Rom 4:9-11

Why can and should we exult in our tribulations? Rom 5:3-5 How did God prove His love for us? Rom 5:8

Day 116

Why did death reign over all men? How is the gift of life from God different from the trespass of Adam? Who are the “all men” in Adam? Who are the “all” in regards to the gift?

Day 117

Why should we not continue in sin since all our sins are forgiven due to grace? Rom 6:2-4,6-7 How are we to consider ourselves? Rom 6:11 Having been freed from sin, what are we now slaves to? Rom 6:18 Because of this, what does Paul urge us to do? Rom 6:19 What relationship does the believer in Christ have to the Law? Rom 7:4,6

Day 118 (Catch-up day)**Day 119**

How does Paul regard the suffering of this life? Rom 8:18 What further assurance does Paul give concerning the sufferings believers all face in life? Rom 8:28 Does he say everything that happens to us is good?

Who has God justified? Who has God “called”? Who has God predestined to become conformed to His Son? Rom 8:29-30. So, what is the first step in this chain of God justifying and glorifying? If we have been called according to God’s purpose and justified, need we fear any condemnation? Rom 8:31-34 What can separate us from the love of Christ? Rom 8:35

Day 120

Though God made great promises to Abraham concerning his descendants, was the promise ever to ALL of his offspring? Rom 9:6-7,10-13 What does Isaiah prophesy about who will be saved? Rom 9:27,29

Day 121

What does Paul say results in salvation? Rom 10:9-10 Who does he say “will be saved”? Rom 10:13 What does he mean by “call upon the name of the Lord”?

Where does faith come from? What is necessary for us to believe? Rom 10:17

Day 122

Has God rejected His people? How not? Rom 11:1,2,5 Whom among Israel has been saved? Rom 11:2,5,7 What is one of the reasons or benefits Paul states for salvation coming to the Gentiles? Rom 11:11

A wild olive tree (Gentiles) and a cultivated olive tree (Jews). In this illustration how does Paul explain the rejection of Jews and the acceptance of Gentiles? Rom 11:16-17 Of what does Paul warn the Gentile believers? Rom 11:18,20-21

What determines whether a people is cut off or grafted in? Rom 11:22-23 What does Paul predict about the future of the Jewish people? Rom 11:25-26 Does God still love Israel? If so, why? Rom 11:28-29

Day 123

What does Paul urge us to do in Rom 12:1? What does this mean? How do we do this?

What does it mean to be conformed to this world? How does one prevent being conformed to this world? How can we “renew our minds”? Rom 12:2

What does Paul teach about revenge? Rom 12:17-21 When is it allowed? How are we to respond to evil done to hurt us?

How should we regard our governing authorities? Rom 13:1-2,5 Why should we pay taxes? Rom 13:6-7

What about wicked, unjust or corrupt authorities? How should we regard them and speak about them?

Day 124

Judging One Another.

What does Paul mean by “weak in faith”? Rom 14:1-2

What examples does Paul give of believers judging one another? Rom 14:3, 5-6

Why should we not judge or criticize one another? Rom 14:4,10,12

What should our concern be and what should we be pursuing? Rom 12:13,19; 15:1-2,7.

What does Paul say about personal convictions? What things must we be careful of? Rom 14:22-23

What sort of things of beliefs / convictions is Paul addressing here? What would be similar issues of today?

Day 125 (Catch-up day)**Day 126**

Why would Paul include a list of people to “greet” at the end of this magnificent theological opus? What causes divisions in a church and what does this passage teach regarding unity in the body?

Day 127

What does Paul exhort the Corinthian church to do? 1 Cor 1:10 What problem has Paul heard about in the church? 1 Cor 1:11 What was the nature of their quarrels and division? 1 Cor 1:12

How does a “natural man” differ from a “spiritual man”? 1 Cor 2:14-15

What two kinds of men does Paul describe? 1 Cor 3:1-3 What kind of men are many in the Corinthian church? What are the characteristics of “men of flesh / carnal men”? What is the evidence Paul cites concerning them? 1 Cor 3:4

Day 128

How should believers regard different Christian teachers / leaders? 1 Cor 3:5-7 What does God expect / require of those who serve Him (especially in ministry)? 1 Cor 4:1-2

What does Paul exhort the Corinthians to do concerning various Christian leaders? 1 Cor 4:5 How does Paul describe his relationship to this church? 1 Cor 4:14-15 Therefore what does he encourage them to do? 1 Cor 4:16 For what reason has he sent Timothy to them? 1 Cor 4:17

Day 129

How is the church to respond to immorality and unrepentant sin among the congregation? 1 Cor 5:1-2,9-13

Should believers take other believers to court? How should disputes and wrongs between believers be dealt with? 1 Cor 6:1, 4-7

Who does Paul say will NOT inherit the kingdom of God? Does this mean these sins will not be forgiven? 1 Cor 6:9-11

What limit does Paul prescribe for his own Christian liberty? 1 Cor 6:12 What special warning does Paul give about sexual immorality? What does he advise believers to do? 1 Cor 6:18-20

Day 130

What does Paul teach about marital duty? 1 Cor 7:3-5 What does Paul teach about Christians and divorce? 1 Cor 7:10-11 What about the problem of a believer married to an unbeliever? 1 Cor 7:12-16

What principle does Paul teach in 1 Cor 7:17 & 20. How does he apply this principle even to slavery? Yet what should slaves do if they have opportunity? Should believers ever consider selling themselves into slavery (i.e. to escape extreme poverty)? 1 Cor 7:21-23

Day 131

What does this passage teach regarding the exercise of freedom in Christ? Describe what it looks like to run YOUR "race". How do you prepare and train for YOUR witness?

Day 132 (Catch-up day)

Day 133

Is Paul concerned about believers eating meat sacrificed to idols? What is Paul's primary concern? 1 Cor 8:1,4-9 What principles does Paul give for deciding such issues? 1 Cor 10:23-24,31-33

For what reason does Paul say the accounts in Exodus and Numbers, etc. were written? 1 Cor 10:6,11 Of what does Paul warn? 1 Cor 10:12 What assurance does Paul give in facing with temptation? 1 Cor 10:13

Day 134

Public Worship: Head Coverings.

What did Paul teach about headship? 1 Cor 11:3.

What reason does Paul give that men should not pray with covered heads? 1 Cor 11:4,7

What reasons does Paul give for women to pray with their head covered? 1 Cor 11:5-10

What does Paul say about long hair on men and women? 1 Cor 11:14-15

This teaching sounds to us like a cultural practice - accepted in that place and time as the appropriate thing to do. Yet Paul's arguments are mostly from scripture. From this brief teaching, do we understand exactly what is to be done? (Who to cover, when to cover, where to cover, what to cover with?) If we believed we should follow Paul's instruction on this, would we know enough to do so with any certainty?

Public Worship: The Lord's Supper.

- a. What were the Corinthians doing wrong concerning the Lord's Supper? 1 Cor 11:20-22
How is the Lord's Supper to be taken? 1 Cor 11:26-28, 33-34

What did Paul say about judging ourselves? 1 Cor 11:31-32

Day 135

Concerning Spiritual Gifts.

Why are spiritual gifts given? 1 Cor 12:7

How many different spiritual gifts are there? Do we know? 1 Cor 12:4-6,8-10

Have all believers been baptized by the Holy Spirit? What does the baptism of the Spirit accomplish? 1 Cor 12:13

As a rule, when are believers baptized by the Holy Spirit? Why do different believers have different spiritual gifts? 1 Cor 12:15-20

Is there any of these spiritual gifts that ALL possess? 1 Cor 12:29-30

The More Excellent Way.

What is the "more excellent way" Paul speaks of? (More excellent than a focus on who has the best or most spiritual gifts) 1 Cor 12:31, 13:1-3 Why is it "more excellent"?

How does love differ from their wrong focus on gifts? 1 Cor 13:4-5

Though love never fails, do these spiritual gifts continue forever? 1 Cor 13:8-10 Who determines what gifts are given to whom and when they are given, or when gifts cease?

Interpretation? Historically, the "miracle" gifts so widely documented in Acts are not mentioned among the next generations of "Church Fathers," which, for good or ill, has influenced interpretations of this passage. Some possible interpretations are: Love continues forever but: 1) certain spiritual gifts cease in heaven / after the resurrection; OR 2) certain spiritual gifts will cease (have ceased) when no longer needed (because of written New Testament and established church); OR 3) certain spiritual gifts will cease in times and places of God's choosing, based on His purposes - but also may be given again at a later time or different place/circumstance when God judges these sign gifts are needed. What do you think?

Public Worship: Prophecy, Tongues & Rules for Order.

Why is prophecy to be more desired as a gift than tongues? 1 Cor 14:1-5

What does Paul mean by his statement in 1 Cor 14:20? Why does he say this in this context? What error(s) is he trying to address?

How does Paul describe their church services? 1 Cor 14:26 In what ways is this very different from most of our services today?

What specific guidelines does Paul set for the use of spiritual gifts within the services?

In vs 27-28?

In vs 29-30?

In vs 34-35?

What does he mean to restrict by vs 34-35? Why?

What guiding principles does Paul give for this? 1 Cor 14:26,40

Day 136

What evidence does Paul cite for the resurrection? 1 Cor 15:4-8 What false doctrine was being spread within the church? 1 Cor 15:12 What does Paul teach about the resurrection body? 1 Cor 15:42-44, 50 Is a “spiritual body” just a “spirit” or something else? What is the “mystery” Paul speaks of? 1 Cor 15:51-53 What is he saying will happen at the last trumpet?

Day 137

What principles for giving does Paul give for the collection for the saints in Jerusalem? 1 Cor 16:2

Day 138

It’s awesome knowing that we have a God who can comfort us in our tribulations. With God’s comfort, what other purpose are we enabled to do? 2 Cor 1:4

When Paul tells the Corinthian Christians to discipline the man who caused grief, what did Paul tell them to do then he repented? 2 Cor 2:7

Day 139 (Catch-up day)

Day 140

How is the new covenant different from the old? 2 Cor 3:6 What does he mean by “a veil lies over their heart”? 2 Cor 3:15-16 What is the result of looking with unveiled face at the glory of the Lord? 2 Cor 3:18. How do we do so?

Day 141

What goal or ambition does Paul say “we have”? 2 Cor 5:9 What judgement does Paul say believers will face? 2 Cor 5:10 If all of our sins are already forgiven, what is this judgement about?

Day 142

Why should we live for Christ? 2 Cor 5:14-15 How are we different if we are in Christ? 2 Cor 5:17 How does Paul describe his role? 2 Cor 5:20 Who is the “we” in this verse? Who should regard themselves this way?

What does Paul mean by “bound together with unbelievers”? 2 Cor 6:14-15 In what different ways can we be bound to unbelievers? In what circumstances and in what ways should believers “come out from their midst and be separate”? 2 Cor 6:17

Day 143

What good news did Titus bring to Paul that caused him to be full of joy and rejoicing? 2 Cor 7:13-16

Day 144

What was the example set by the churches of Macedonia that Paul praised? 2 Cor 8:1-5 Why should one church share with another? 2 Cor 8:12-14 Why did Paul send three men of excellent reputation to collect their gift? 2 Cor 8:20-21 What does Paul direct concerning how to decide how much to give and the attitude to have? 2 Cor 9:6-7

Day 145

What does Paul mean by “taking every thought captive”? Why is this needed? 2 Cor 10:5

What was Paul’s concern about the Corinthian church? 2 Cor 11:3-4 What warning does Paul give concerning false teachers? 2 Cor 11:13-15

Day 146 (Catch-up day)**Day 147**

Why did God give Paul a thorn in the flesh”? 2 Cor 12:7 What was God’s answer to Paul’s prayer concerning this? 2 Cor 12:8-9

What does Paul NOT seek from the Corinthian church and why? 2 Cor 12:13-14

What does Paul fear to find when he comes to them? 2 Cor 12:20-21 What things does he urge them to do? 2 Cor 13:5, 11

Day 148

What is the prime reason for Paul writing to the Galatians? Gal 1:6-9

From what source did Paul receive the gospel he preached? Gal 1:11-12 What other Christian leaders affirmed the truth of Paul’s gospel years later? Gal 2:6-9

Paul no longer lives by the Law – by what principle does he now live and with what attitude? Gal 2:20

Day 149

What was God’s purpose for the Law? Gal 3:19,22, 24-25 What indications does Paul cite that the Galatians are seeking to live by the Law? Gal 4:9-10

Day 150

How were the Galatians challenged in Gal 5:1?

Day 151

What does Paul teach about Christian freedom and its limits? Gal 5:1,13 If we are free from the Law, how are we now to walk/live? Gal 5:16,18,25 What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit? How can you know if someone has been walking by the Spirit? Gal 5:22-23 What are the indications that one is still walking by the flesh? Gal 5:19-20

What does Paul teach about playing a role in supporting those who teach the Word? Gal 6:6-8 What does Paul urge the Galatians to do? Gal 6:9-10

Day 152

What have we been chosen to be? To what have we been predestined? Eph 1:4-5 Is Paul here speaking of “us” as individuals or as a group?

Day 153 (Catch-up day)**Day 154**

By what are we saved, and by what are we NOT saved? Eph 2:8-9. What is grace? What are works? After we are saved, what is expected of us? Eph 2:10 Which good works should we do? Eph 2:10

What is the foundation which the church is built upon? Eph 2:19-21 What role did the apostles and prophets play in building the church? Has the church continued to have true apostles and prophets after the foundation was laid?

Day 155

How does Paul urge the Ephesians church to “walk” in Eph 4:1? What are the characteristics of one who is walking in this manner? Eph 4:2-3

For what reason did God give the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers? Eph 4:11-13 Who is to do the “work of service”? What is God’s “goal” for us? Eph 4:13

Day 156

How does Paul say the Ephesians should NO LONGER walk? Eph 4:17-19 How are we to do this? Eph 4:22-24 What standard does Paul set for our words / speech? Eph 4:29 How should we relate to other people and especially one another? Eph 4:31-32

As children of God, whom should we strive to imitate? And in what way? Eph 5:1-2 Rather than partaking in sin, what should we be doing? Eph 5:7-10 How should we walk in wisdom? Eph 5:15-17

What limit does Paul place on drinking of wine? Eph 5:18 What ARE we to be filled with / controlled by? Eph 5:18 What are characteristics of being filled with the Spirit? Eph 5:19-21

What does Paul teach about the roles of husbands and wives in marriage? Eph 5:22-24; 25, 28,33 What does it mean to “be subject”? Why does Paul say wives should “be subject”? What does Paul mean by “love” and “respect”?

How are slaves to respond to their masters? Eph 6:5-8 Does the same apply to some degree to employees towards their employers? How are masters to treat their slaves (and with what attitude)? Eph 6:9 Does this also apply to employers treating their employees?

Day 157

What is the Full Armour of God? Why do we need to take it up? Who is our battle against?

What does Paul mean when he says “pray in the Spirit”? Who are we to pray for and how often?

When Paul said “be alert”, what are we to be watching for and prepared for?

Day 158

What is Paul's attitude towards death? Phil 1:20-21 Why does Paul believe he need to live longer, though he desires to depart and be with Christ? Phil 1:22-25

What does Paul urge the Philippians to do? What report does he hope to hear of then? Phil 1:27

Day 159

What will make Paul's joy complete? Phil 2:2. How does he tell them to act towards one another? Phil 2:3-4

What attitude did Christ have that we should also have? Phil 2:5,7-8

How does Paul say we prove ourselves to be children of God, above reproach? Phil 2:14-15 Why does this prove us to be God's children?

Day 160 (Catch-up day)**Day 161**

What attitude does Paul say that he has, that he urges us to have also? Phil 3:15, 13-14 Practically, what does this mean we should do or not do?

Day 162

What does Paul say the Philippians should always do? Phil 4:4 How should we deal with worries / anxiety? Phil 4:6-7 What things should we decide to have our minds dwell on? Phil 4:8 By extension, what are the opposite things we should NOT be dwelling on?

What caused Paul to rejoice greatly? Phil 4:10 What is Paul's attitude towards both prosperity and want? Phil 4:11-13 Does poverty imply that a believer is not walking in faith or is displeasing to God? Why does God allow His faithful children to sometimes suffer want?

Day 163

What does Paul pray concerning the Colossians? Col 1:9 With what hoped for results? Col 1:10 How does this compare with the stated goals and focus of many churches and church leaders?

What was Christ's role in Creation? Col 1:16-17

For what purpose does Paul say he labors? Col 1:28-29 What does "complete in Christ" mean?

Day 164

What things does Paul warn the Colossians about in:

2:8?

2:16-17?

2:18?

Day 165

What does Paul exhort concerning "whatever you do"? Col 3:17;23 What does it mean to do something in the "name of Christ"?

When working as a slave (or an employee), who should we consider ourselves working for? And why? Col 3:23-24

Is Christ concerned about how hard and faithfully you work? How well you do your job? About how well you follow your boss's / company's rules and instructions?

What brief instructions does Paul give to wives, husbands, children and fathers? Col 3:18-21

How ought we to treat others and especially one another? Col 3:12-14

Day 166

Paul's letter here was a praise to the Church at Thessalonica, shouldn't we be challenged to live in such a manner? What specifics did Paul call out about the Church here?

What challenges/behaviors can we take away from the encouragement Paul was giving to this Church body?

Day 167 (Catch-up day)

Day 168

For what purpose did Paul exhort and encourage the Thessalonians? 1 Thess 2:11-12 What does this say about some of Paul's priorities in teaching and preaching to believers? What common church priorities of today do we NOT much see in Paul's letters to the churches?

Day 169

From Paul's statement in verses 1 Thes 2:18, who was blocking his way to return and see them? Can that same person be blocking us now?

What is Paul's Hope, Joy, and glory found in?

What was Paul's fear about what was happening with their faith? Who did he send to check on them?

What could Paul be suggesting about Thessalonians "lacking in the faith"? 1 Thes 3:10

What was his final prayer for them? Shouldn't that be ours for every believer?

Day 170

In what two things does Paul urge the Thessalonians to "excel/aboutd still more"? 1 Thess 4:1,9-10 What is God's will for us? 1 Thess 4:3 What does sanctification mean? What does Paul mean by "defraud"? 4:6 What has God called us to? 1 Thess 4:7

What further ambition does Paul urge us to have? 1 Thess 4:11 Why? 1 Thess 4:12 What problem do we suppose was in the Thessalonians church at this time from these (and later – 2 Thess 3:10-12) verses?

Day 171

When are the dead in Christ resurrected? 1 Thess 4:14-16 Where do they meet the Lord? 1 Thess 4:17

When Jesus returns from heaven, what happens to the believers still alive on the earth? 1 Thess 4:16-17 What is this event commonly called (from the Latin word for "caught up")?

Day 172

When should we rejoice? When should we pray? In what circumstances should we give thanks? 1 Thess 5:16-18 Why should we do these things? How do we do so even in times of tragedy, etc.?

Day 173 (Catch-up day)**Day 174**

What is the fate of unbelievers when Jesus returns? 2 Thess 1:6-10

Day 175

What must come / happen before the “Day of the Lord”? 2 Thess 2:2-4 How will this man meet his end? 2 Thess 2: 8 How will this man be empowered? 2 Thess 2:9

Day 176

What problem among the Thessalonians church does Paul address in 2 Thess 3:6,11?

Why did Paul and his coworkers work to support themselves while among them? 2 Thess 3:7-9

What did Paul teach about those unwilling to work? 2 Thess 3:10 And what did Paul exhort all in the Thessalonians church to do? 2 Thess 3:12-15

Day 177

Why did Paul ask Timothy to remain in Ephesus? 1 Tim 1:3-4 What does Paul say was the goal of their instruction? But what have some turned aside to instead? 1 Tim 1:5-6

What did Paul urge Timothy to do in 1:18-19?

Day 178

Why does Paul urge prayers for all in authority? 1 Tim 2:1-2

Instructions to men and women.

What does Paul specifically want the men to do? 1 Tim 2:8 What does Paul want the women to do? 1 Tim 2:9-10 Why?

What did Paul instruct Timothy concerning the roles of women within the church? 1 Tim 2:11-14 What do you think he means by this? When and where would this apply?

Day 179

Church Leaders.

What are the two church leadership positions for which Paul defines the qualifications? 1 Tim 3:1,8

What sort of requirements are most of these? (i.e. skills? Education? Experience? Character? Spiritual maturity? ...)

What additional requirement(s) are there for the “overseer/bishop” that are not included for the “deacon”? 1 Tim 3:2-7, 3:8-12

Does Paul say God specifically “calls” men to these positions? 1 Tim 3:1

Why is it important for an “overseer/bishop” to “manages his own household well”? 1 Tim 3:4-5
What does this mean?

Day 180 (Catch-up day)

Day 181

What is Timothy to do so that others will not look down on his youthfulness? 1 Tim 4:12 What is he told to pay close attention to? 1 Tim 4:16

Day 182

Care of Widows by the Church.

What does Paul mean by “widows indeed / truly widows”? 1 Tim 5:3-5

What is the responsibility of the family of a widow? 1 Tim 5:4,8 What does it mean to “provide for his own”? How much provision? What if you are unable to provide because of your own want? (Job loss, economy, handicap / illness, etc.)

What widows does Paul tell Timothy are to be “put on the list/enrolled”? 1 Tim 5:9-10 Why are younger widows not to be included? 1 Tim 5: 11-15 What does this “list” seem to be?

Should a single woman, perhaps a widow herself, take responsibility for the support of other family widows or should the church be responsible? Why? 1 Tim 5:16

Elders.

Which elders should receive double honor? What does Paul mean by this? 1 Tim 5:17-18

What biblical reasons does Paul cite for supporting elders? 1 Tim 5:18 Where are these scriptures quoted from? What does this imply about the writing and acceptance of the gospel at this early date?

What does Paul mean in his warning about “laying hands on hastily”? What is he concerned about? 1 Tim 5:22

Day 183

Wealth.

With what should we be content? 1 Tim 6:8

What are the dangers in desiring wealth? 1 Tim 6:9-10

Is there anything wrong about being wealthy?

What should motivate believers in starting a business and working for its success? For what reasons should someone seek out a higher paying occupation or job?

Day 184

What did Paul instruct Timothy to do in 2 Tim 2:2? Why is this so important?

Day 185

Ministers.

What is a key factor in being a Christian worker (minister/teacher) who does not need to be ashamed? 2 Tim 2:15 What does this mean?

What things does Paul tell Timothy to avoid or refuse to participate in? 2 Tim 2:16,23

What should he pursue instead? 2 Tim 2:22

What should be characteristic of those serving the Lord as preachers/teachers/elders? 2 Tim 2:24-26

Day 186

What treatment should those who desire to live godly lives expect? 2 Tim 3:12

What value is there in learning and continuing to study the Scriptures? 2 Tim 3:16-17 What does “inspired by God” mean?

What does Paul foresee concerning himself? 2 Tim 4:6 How does he assess his own life at this point? And what does he expect when he meets the Lord? 2 Tim 4:7-8

What would you wish to be able to say about your own life when nearing your end? What would you like to hear from Christ Jesus?

Day 187 (Catch-up day)

Day 188

Church Leaders.

For what reason did Paul leave Titus in Crete? Titus 1:5

Is an “elder” the same thing as an “overseer/bishop”? Titus 1:5,7; 1 Tim 3:2; Acts 20:17,28

What does Paul say an “overseer/bishop” must be able to do? Titus 1:9

Why do you think the qualifications Paul lists in Titus 1:6-9 are very similar, but not precisely the same as those he lists in 1 Tim 3:1-7? What are the key differences you see?

What does Paul say is expected of believers who are:

Older men?

Older women?

Younger women?

Young men?

Slaves?

What role should older women play with younger women? Titus 2:3-5

How does Paul sum up how we are to live to Titus? Titus 2:12-13

Day 189

What does Paul say about the importance of good deeds? Titus 1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14 Why this emphasis, so often repeated?

Day 190

What was the purpose of Paul's letter to Philemon? Philemon 10 Why did Paul send Onesimus to Philemon? Philemon 12-14,17 Why didn't Paul urge Philemon to free all slaves?

Day 191

How is Jesus different from and superior to all prophets and all angels? Heb 1:1-4 What is the role of angels? Heb 1:14

Day 192

Why did Jesus need to be made "like His brethren" and face temptations? Heb 2:17-18

Day 193

What warning does the writer give to the readers in Heb 3:12-13? Why were the adult Israelites led by Moses through the Red Sea unable to enter the promised land? 3:18-19

How does the writer apply this example to those in the church? Heb 4:1 Who WILL enter God's rest? Heb 4:3

Day 194 (Catch-up day)**Day 195**

Why does the author say Jesus is a high priest who can sympathize with our weaknesses? Heb 4:15 Knowing this, what should we do? Heb 4:16

To what does the writer compare his readers in Heb 5:13 Why? What is the "milk" they need again? Heb 5:12; 6:1-2 Where should they be in their Christian understanding vs. where they actually are? Heb 6:12 Why are they still not mature? Heb 6:13-14

Day 196

From what OT scripture does he argue that Christ is our high priest as well as our king? Heb 7:17, 21 How could Jesus, a descendant of Judah, not Levi, be made a priest? Heb 5:10, 13-17 How is Jesus different from Leviticus priests? Heb 7:23-25, 27

Day 197

Does Jesus' new covenant replace the old covenant of the Law? Heb 8:6,8,13

Day 198

What is the Law unable to accomplish? Heb 10:1-4,11

Day 199

What are we to consider how to do in Heb 10:24? What are we not to forsake / neglect? Heb 10:25 What are we to be focused on?

Day 200

How does the writer define "faith"? Heb 11:1 Was faith important to God before the coming of Christ? Under the Law did men gain God's approval by keeping His Law? Heb 11:2 What is always necessary in order to please God? Heb 11:6

How did Noah demonstrate his faith? Heb 11:7 How did this demonstrate "conviction of things not seen"?

How did Abraham demonstrate great faith when called by God? Heb 11:8-9. What promise did both Abraham and Sarah have to believe, though it seemed impossible? Heb 11:11-12 How was Abraham's faith tested by God concerning his son, Isaac? Heb 11:17-19 What did he have to believe?

Does professing you believe prove you truly believe? How is faith proven? In what sorts of circumstances is faith demonstrated?

Is faith primarily a feeling? What is it? How does one go from not believing to believing? Heb 11

Day 201 (Catch-up day)

Day 202

What should we do in light of this great cloud of witnesses? Heb 12:1-2 How do we do this?

What are we taught from the Proverbs about God's discipline? Heb 12:5-6. What is implied if we do NOT experience God's discipline? Heb 12:7-8 What are the benefits of discipline? Heb 12:10-11

Day 203

The writer of Hebrews wraps up this important book with a variety of commands and exhortations ranging from entertaining angels unaware (Heb 13:2), to keeping the marriage bed pure (Heb 13:4), to obeying your church leaders (Heb 13:17). Take the opportunity to reread the chapter and count how many times you see the name Jesus. How many times is He mentioned? What does that tell you about the overall theme, not only of this varied chapter, but of this book?

Day 204 - BACKGROUND TO JAMES

One of the first NT books written, approx. 45-50 AD. Believed to be written by Jesus' brother, James, who we are introduced to in Acts. His letter's emphasis is on the ethical and practical aspects of life for a Christian.

Who is this letter addressed to? Why only these? Ja 1:1

How should we regard / view trials? Ja 1:2-4 If we need wisdom, what should we do? Ja 1:5-6 Why must we ask in faith? Ja 1:6-8

What is the source of our temptations? Ja 1:13-14

Day 205

In our dealings with others, what are we to do and not to do? Ja 1:19-20 Why? How do we do this?

How should we respond to God's Word? Ja 1:22-25 How do we prove ourselves truly religious (as living for God)? Ja 1:26-27

Is faith truly faith if not accompanied by works? Ja 2:14,17 How can one demonstrate or prove his faith to others? Ja 2:18

Is "faith" just complete confidence in what is true? Is it just about WHAT facts you believe? What is saving "faith"? Ja 2:19

Why is faith without works useless? Ja 2:20 Paul says Abraham was justified by "faith". (Rom 4:25) James says he was justified by "works". (Ja 2:21-23) How are they both right?

Day 206

Why does James warn that not many should be teachers? Ja 3:1-2 What is the difficulty in being a teacher of God's Word?

Why do we ask but not receive, according to James? Ja 4:3 Why is friendship with the world hostility towards God? Ja 4:4 What does "friendship with the world" look like? How do we recognize this problem?

Day 207

What wrong attitude / viewpoint does James point out in Ja 4:13-14 What attitude / perspective should we have? What should we say when speaking of our plans? Ja :15-16 Why is this important?

Day 208 (Catch-up day)**Day 209**

Of what value are trials? 1 Pet 1:6-7

Day 210

As obedient children to God, what does Peter say we should NOT do? And what SHOULD we do? 1 Per 1:14-15 Why? 1 Pet 1:16

What do we need in order to grow in respect to salvation? 1 Pet 2:2 What does this mean we should do?

Day 211

What does Peter urge us to do in 1 Pet 2:11-12 Why should we do this?

How should we respond to governing authorities? Why should we do this? 1 Per 2:13-15

How should servants respond to unreasonable masters? 1 Pet 2:18 Why should they do so? 1 Pet 2:19-21

How should a Christian wife respond to her husband who is either a non-Christian or is in rebellion against God? 1 Pet 3:1-2 How can this have a positive influence on a husband?

Day 212

What "adornment" does he urge women to seek? 1 Pet 3:3-4 What example of Sarah does he urge wives to imitate? 1 Pet 3:5-6 Why is this hard and requires faith in God?

In what manner should husbands live with their wives? 1 Pet 3:7 What does this mean? How does a husband do this?

Is it better to suffer rightly or wrongly? (Justly or unjustly) 1 Pet 3:17 (also 2:20). Why?

Day 213

What does Peter urge younger men to do? 1 Pet 5:5-7 By "younger" do you think he means only younger in age? Or in some other way? (Context: 5:1-4)

Day 214

What personal testimony does Peter give as an eye witness? 2 Pet 1:16 What specific experience does Peter allude to with Jesus?

What does Peter say about the interpretation of scriptural prophecy? 2 Pet 1: 20-21

Day 215 – Easter Sunday (Catch-up day)

Day 216

What does Peter warn concerning false teachers? What will they do? 2 Pet 2:1-3

What will mockers say in the last days? 2 Pet 3:3-4 What events of the past do they forget about? 2 Pet 3:5-6 What judgement is yet to come? 2 Pet 3:7

Day 217

How is God's perspective on time different from ours? 2 Pet 3:8 Why has God delayed Jesus' return in judgement? 2 Pet 3:9

What will happen to the earth when the Day of the Lord comes? 2 Pet 3:10-12 What is promised for after the earth is destroyed? 2 Pet 3:13 What are we to do while waiting for the Day of the Lord and Jesus' return? 2 Pet 3:14,17-18

Day 218

How does John describe God in 1 Jn 1:5? Therefore, if we are in fellowship with God, what should we be like? 1 Jn 1:6-7

If we are in fellowship with God, are we now without sin? 1 Jn 1:8,10. As believers, how do we need to deal with continuing sin in our lives so that we remain in fellowship? 1 Jn 1:9

Day 219

What is the proof that we know Christ? 1 Jn 2:3-5 If we abide in Him, how ought we to walk/live? 1 Jn 2:5-6 What should we think about the "brother" or "sister" who does not keep His commandments or who hates his brother? 1 Jn 2:4,9,11

What does John warn us not to do in 1 Jn 2:15? Why should we not do this? 1 Jn 2:16-17 How do we know if we are guilty of this? How do we guard ourselves from this?

Day 220

What does John warn about in the "last days"? 1 Jn 3:18 What does John say we have from the Holy One? 1 Jn 3:20 How can this protect us from false teachers? 1 Jn 2:27

How are the children of God distinguished from the children of the devil? 1 Jn 3:4,6-10 What does he mean by "no one who is born of God practices sin"? How does this align with what he said earlier about all of us sinning? 1 Jn 3:9; 1:8-10

Day 221

What example of love did Jesus give us? And how should we follow His example? 1 Jn 4:16-18

Why do we love? 1 Jn 4:19 What should we do because of this? 1 Jn 4:21

Day 222 (Catch-up day)

Day 223

Who has eternal life? Who does not have eternal life? 1 Jn 5:11-12 What does it mean to “have the Son”?

Who has John written this letter to? For what purpose? 1 Jn 5:13 What does he mean by “believe”?

Day 224

What does John warn about in his 2nd letter? 2 John 7-9. What does he mean by “goes too far”? Vs. 9

Day 225

What was John writing to encourage in his 3rd letter? 3 John 5-8

Day 226

What was the purpose for Jude’s writing? Jude 3-4 What was their false teaching concerning grace?

How does Jude characterize these false teachers in vs. 16?

Day 227

Who is the author of the book of Revelation? Whose revelation is it? Rev 1:1 How was it communicated? What things was the book written to communicate? Rev 1:1

Why should we read and hear and heed this prophecy? Rev 1:3

To whom does John address this book/letter ? Rev 1:4

How does John describe the Father? Rev 1:4 & 8. How does he describe Christ & what does he say about the 2nd coming? Rev 1:5-7

Day 228

Where was John when he received this revelation? Rev 1:9 How did he receive the revelation and what was he instructed to do? Rev 1:10-11

What did the one “like a son of man” look like? Rev 1:13-16 Who did he explain he was? Rev 1:17-18

What did He instruct John to do? Rev 1:19 What are the seven stars and lamp stands? Rev 1:20

Day 229 (Catch-up day)**Day 230**

To the Church at Ephesus. For what did He praise them? What did He have against this church? Rev 2:4 What does it mean to do this? How is it evidenced? What are they commanded to do? Rev 2:5

To the Church at Smyrna. What problems was this church facing? Rev 2:9 What does He foretell and what is His exhortation to this church? Rev 2:10

To the Church at Pergamum. What does He praise them for? Rev 2:13 What things does He have against this church? Rev 2:14-15. What does He urge them to do? Rev 2:16

To the Church at Thyatira. What does He praise this church for? Rev 2:19 What does he have against this church? Rev 2:20 What exhortation does He give this church? Rev 2:24-25

Day 231

To the Church at Sardis. What does he have against this church? Rev 3:1 What does He mean by “dead”? What is the evidence of a “dead” church? What is His exhortation? Rev 3:2-3

To the Church at Philadelphia. For what does He praise this church? Rev 3:8 What rewards does He promise? Rev 3:8,10 What does he urge them to do? Rev 3:11

To the Church at Laodicea. What does He have against this church? Rev 3:15-17 What does He mean by this? What does this sort of church “look like”? What does he urge them to do? Rev 3:18-20

What are ALL of these churches similarly urged to do? Rev 2:7,11,17,26;3:5,12,21

Day 232

When John is called up to heaven, what thrones does he see and who are sitting on them? Rev 4:2-4

What other four “beings” does he see? What do they look like and what do they do? Rev 4:6-9 What do you think these “living creatures” are? Is 6:2-3; Ez 1:5

Day 233

Who was worthy and able to take the book/scroll and break it’s 7 seals? Rev 5:5,6-7 What four horses were seen following the breaking of the 1st 4 seals? What did each horse (& rider) do or represent? Rev 6:2-8 What did John see when the 5th seal was broken? Rev 6:9

Day 234

How many servants of God were sealed on their foreheads? What peoples were these? Rev 7:4 Who did John see in clothes of white standing before the throne? Rev 7:9,13-15

Day 235

What happened after each of the first four trumpets were sounded? Rev 8:7; 8-9; 10-11; 12;

What came upon the earth after the 5th trumpet? Rev 9:3 What did these do? Rev 9:4-5 What did they look like to John? Rev 9:7-10 Who is their “king”? Rev 9:11

What happens when the 6th trumpet sounds? Rev 9:14-15 How did the rest of mankind who was not killed respond? Rev 9:20-21

Day 236 (Catch-up day)**Day 237**

How long will the holy city be tread under foot /given to the nations? (in months and in years) Rev 11:2 How long will God’s two witnesses prophesy? Rev 11:3 What powers do the two witnesses have and who do they thus remind us of? Rev 11:6 Who kills them and where? Rev 11:7-8

What is announced with the sounding of the 7th trumpet? Rev 11:15 What then is to occur? Rev 11:18

Day 238

Who does the woman in the vision represent? Rev 12:1,5,13-14 Who is the dragon? And what does he try to do? Rev 12:3-4,7-8,9,13,17

How long was the woman protected in the wilderness? Rev 12:6,14

Day 239

How is the Beast associated with the Dragon? Rev 13:1-2 How long is the Beast given authority to act? Rev 13:5 Who do the people of the earth worship? Rev 13:4,8

What role does the 2nd Beast play? Rev 13:11-14, 15-17 What is required to buy and sell? Rev 13:16-17

Day 240

What is God's punishment for worshiping the Beast and receiving the mark of the Beast? Rev 14:9-10

Day 241

What are the 7 last plagues to finish God's wrath, represented by the bowls? Rev 15:1; 16:2;16:3; 16:4; 16:8-9; 16:10-11; 16:12,14; 16:17-21 How did the people of the earth react to these? Rev 16:9,11,21

Day 242

Babylon the Great. Whose judgment was John called to see? And for what is she being judged? Rev 17:1-2 In the vision how was the woman dressed and what was she "named"? Rev 17:4-5

What was she riding on? Rev 17:3 How is this beast described in Rev 17:3 & 8? Is this the same as described in Rev 13:1?

What two different things do the 7 heads represent? Rev 17:9-10 What city is generally described as built upon 7 mountains or hills?

What do the 10 horns represent? Rev 17:12-13

What are the waters where the harlot sits? Rev 17:1 & 15

What happens to the harlot? Rev 17:16

Who / what is the "woman"? Rev 17:18

Day 243 (Catch-up day)

Day 244

How has "Babylon" benefitted merchants and sailors? Rev 18:3,11,15,19

Will "Babylon" still exist after this judgment? Rev 18:21

Who does John see riding out to battle? And who accompanies him? Rev 19:11,13-14

Day 245

Who was assembled to make war against him on the horse? Rev 19:19 What happens to the Beast and the false prophet? Rev 19:20 What happens to those accompanying them? Rev 19:21

What does John see being done to Satan? Rev 20:1-2 Why was this done? Rev 20:3

Who is described as reigning with Christ for 1,000 years? Rev 20:4 When are the “rest” of the dead resurrected? Rev 20:5

What happens at the completion of the 1,000 years? Rev 20:7-9 What then is done with Satan? Rev 20:10 Who then is judged before the “great white throne”? On what basis are they judged? Rev 20:11-12,15

Day 246

What does John see in Rev 21:1-2? What happened to the old?

What things are different about this new world? Rev 21:3-5 In what ways is it similar to the Garden of Eden before the Fall of man?

Who does God say will inherit these things? And who will instead experience the 2nd death? Rev 21:6-8

The New Jerusalem. How large was the city? Rev 21:16 Why was there no temple in the city? Rev 21:22 How was the city lighted? Was it ever dark? Rev 21:23,25

In this new world, are there people outside of Jerusalem? Is there work and commerce and trade that takes place? Rev 21:24-26

What further similarities to Eden and that time before the Fall are described in Rev 22:2-3?

What does Jesus say about His coming in Rev 22:7 & 12? What does He expect us to do with this prophetic revelation? Rev 22:7

Day 247

Who are those called blessed in Rev 22:14? And what is their blessing?

What warning does John give concerning this book of Revelation? Rev 22:18-19

Congratulations on the completion of the New Testament, now don't stop, start on the Old Testament!