

E100 BIBLE READING PLAN

50 OLD TESTAMENT AND 50 NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE PASSAGES
THAT WILL HELP YOU GET THE "BIG PICTURE" OF THE BIBLE IN 20 WEEKS

MONDAY, MARCH 29 – SUNDAY, APRIL 4

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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS – FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

READ:

Luke 9:1–36 (NLT) [1] One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. [2] Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. [3] "Take nothing for your journey," he instructed them. "Don't take a walking stick, a traveler's bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes. [4] Wherever you go, stay in the same house until you leave town. [5] And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate." [6] So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News and healing the sick. [7] When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, heard about everything Jesus was doing, he was puzzled. Some were saying that John the Baptist had been raised from the dead. [8] Others thought Jesus was Elijah or one of the other prophets risen from the dead. [9] "I beheaded John," Herod said, "so who is this man about whom I hear such stories?" And he kept trying to see him. [10] When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. [11] But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick. [12] Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place." [13] But Jesus said, "You feed them." "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?" [14] For there were about 5,000 men there. Jesus replied, "Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each." [15] So the people all sat down. [16] Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. [17] They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers! [18] One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" [19] "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead." [20] Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah sent from God!" [21] Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was. [22] "The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." [23] Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. [24] If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. [25] And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? [26] If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels. [27] I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God." [28] About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. [29] And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. [30] Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. [31] They were glorious

to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. [32] Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. [33] As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [34] But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them. [35] Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." [36] When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 30

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS – WALKING ON WATER

READ:

Matthew 14:22–36 (NLT) [22] Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. [23] After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. [24] Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. [25] About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. [26] When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" [27] But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" [28] Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." [29] "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. [30] But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. [31] Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" [32] When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. [33] Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed. [34] After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. [35] When the people recognized Jesus, the news of his arrival spread quickly throughout the whole area, and soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed. [36] They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS – HEALING A BLIND MAN

READ:

John 9:1–41 (NLT) [1] As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. [2] “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?” [3] “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. [4] We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. [5] But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.” [6] Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. [7] He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! [8] His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” [9] Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!” But the beggar kept saying, “Yes, I am the same one!” [10] They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?” [11] He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!” [12] “Where is he now?” they asked. “I don’t know,” he replied. [13] Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, [14] because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. [15] The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!” [16] Some of the Pharisees said, “This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.” Others said, “But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?” So there was a deep division of opinion among them. [17] Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?” The man replied, “I think he must be a prophet.” [18] The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. [19] They asked them, “Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?” [20] His parents replied, “We know this is our son and that he was born blind, [21] but we don’t know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.” [22] His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. [23] That’s why they said, “He is old enough. Ask him.” [24] So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.” [25] “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!” [26] “But what did he do?” they asked. “How did he heal you?” [27] “Look!” the man exclaimed. “I told you once. Didn’t you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” [28] Then they cursed him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! [29] We know God spoke to Moses, but we don’t even know where this man comes from.” [30] “Why, that’s very strange!” the man replied. “He healed my eyes, and yet you don’t know where he comes from? [31] We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. [32] Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he couldn’t have done it.” [34] “You were born a total sinner!” they answered. “Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw him out of the synagogue. [35] When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” [36] The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.” [37] “You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!” [38] “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. [39] Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.” [40] Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?” [41] “If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.”

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THURSDAY, APRIL 1

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS – HEALING A DEMON POSSESSED MAN

READ:

Mark 5:1–20 (NLT) [1] So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. [2] When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. [3] This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. [4] Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. [5] Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones. [6] When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. [7] With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” [8] For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.” [9] Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” [10] Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. [11] There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. [12] “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.” [13] So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. [14] The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. [15] A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. [16] Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. [17] And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. [18] As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. [19] But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” [20] So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 2

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS – RAISING LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

READ:

John 11:1–57 (NLT) [1] A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. [2] This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. [3] So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." [4] But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." [5] So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, [6] he stayed where he was for the next two days. [7] Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." [8] But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?" [9] Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. [10] But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light." [11] Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up." [12] The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" [13] They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. [14] So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. [15] And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him." [16] Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus." [17] When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. [18] Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, [19] and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. [20] When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. [21] Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. [22] But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." [23] Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." [24] "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." [25] Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. [26] Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" [27] "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God." [28] Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." [29] So Mary immediately went to him. [30] Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. [31] When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. [32] When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." [33] When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. [34] "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." [35] Then Jesus wept. [36] The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" [37] But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?" [38] Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. [39] "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." [40] Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" [41] So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. [42] You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." [43] Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" [44] And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!" [45] Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. [46] But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. [47] Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do?" they asked each other. "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs. [48] If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation." [49] Caiaphas, who

was high priest at that time, said, "You don't know what you're talking about! [50] You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed." [51] He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. [52] And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world. [53] So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death. [54] As a result, Jesus stopped his public ministry among the people and left Jerusalem. He went to a place near the wilderness, to the village of Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples. [55] It was now almost time for the Jewish Passover celebration, and many people from all over the country arrived in Jerusalem several days early so they could go through the purification ceremony before Passover began. [56] They kept looking for Jesus, but as they stood around in the Temple, they said to each other, "What do you think? He won't come for Passover, will he?" [57] Meanwhile, the leading priests and Pharisees had publicly ordered that anyone seeing Jesus must report it immediately so they could arrest him.

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WEEKEND – APRIL 3-4

- > Use the weekend to catch up on any passages you didn't have an opportunity to read during the week.
- > If you have an opportunity, check out the passage below from the book of Proverbs for some **WEEKEND WISDOM.**

READ:

Proverbs 22 (NLT) [1] Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold. [2] The rich and poor have this in common: The LORD made them both. [3] A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. [4] True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life. [5] Corrupt people walk a thorny, treacherous road; whoever values life will avoid it. [6] Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. [7] Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender. [8] Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster, and their reign of terror will come to an end. [9] Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. [10] Throw out the mocker, and fighting goes, too. Quarrels and insults will disappear. [11] Whoever loves a pure heart and gracious speech will have the king as a friend. [12] The LORD preserves those with knowledge, but he ruins the plans of the treacherous. [13] The lazy person claims, "There's a lion out there! If I go outside, I might be killed!" [14] The mouth of an immoral woman is a dangerous trap; those who make the LORD angry will fall into it. [15] A youngster's heart is filled with foolishness, but physical discipline will drive it far away. [16] A person who gets ahead by oppressing the poor or by showering gifts on the rich will end in poverty. [17] Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction. [18] For it is good to keep these sayings in your heart and always ready on your lips. [19] I am teaching you today—yes, you— so you will trust in the LORD. [20] I have written thirty sayings for you, filled with advice and knowledge. [21] In this way, you may know the truth and take an accurate report to those who sent you. [22] Don't rob the poor just because you can, or exploit the needy in court. [23] For the LORD is their defender. He will ruin anyone who ruins them. [24] Don't befriend angry

people or associate with hot-tempered people, [25] or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul. [26] Don't agree to guarantee another person's debt or put up security for someone else. [27] If you can't pay it, even your bed will be snatched from under you. [28] Don't cheat your neighbor by moving the ancient boundary markers set up by previous generations. [29] Do you see any truly competent workers? They will serve kings rather than working for ordinary people.

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