



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022



Take your Pulse

As you look back on the week, what brought you great joy?

What was a difficult experience this week?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 19

As the trial of Jesus continues, Jesus continues to demonstrate that all these events are taking place not according to Pilate's will, not according to the will of the crowd shouting "Crucify him". Rather there is a force beyond all knowing that is bringing this series of event to fruition. Jesus has not put his trust in the power of Rome. Jesus has not put his trust in a people who have turned their backs on his message of love. Jesus has put his trust in God. Now God isn't happy this is happening. God isn't pulling strings to make his son die. But God knows how sin works in the world. A message of love will die at the hands of sinners, every time. But God's love will conquer that death in a resurrection to come. God will not let sin have the final say.



Start the Thinking

What sin do you think will not be forgiven? Why would God forgive even that sin?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, there on the cross your death reconciled an entire broken creation to a creator who just yearns for all to experience abundant life. May we gather at your cross once more and see how God does not let sin have the final say, and may our trust in God's win guide our faith. In your holy name, we pray. Amen



Be blessed

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ, our Savior, is alive! The grave could not hold him. Christ is alive! There is joy this morning! Go into the world with joy. Tell the world Christ lives. Tell the world of God's love. Go, my sisters and brothers, go without fear; go without shame; go without apology. Go in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.