



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What relaxing activity is in store for you as the weekend begins?

What stress are you not able to shake?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 1

Welcome to Luke. Luke is only the second Gospel to mention anything about Jesus' birth. Though, Luke is significantly more expansive than Matthew was. Most of our memories of the Christmas story come from Luke chapters 1 and 2. And yet there is so much more than we are used to hearing. The whole birth saga of John the Baptist is one we often skip over, or remember bits from, as we rush onto the more important story of Jesus' birth. Yet in John's birth are so many amazing and wonderful moments. Zechariah's song, for instance, is a beautiful praise psalm extolling not only what God will do through the Savior, but through John as the preparer for the Savior.



Start the Thinking

The stories of John and Jesus' birth are told as preparation stories. There is something more coming, but we need to be prepared to hear that something more. Who has prepared you to hear the story of our Savior?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, your servant Gabriel announced your coming to Zechariah and Mary, your servant John prepared your people for the coming of Jesus, use us today to prepare our world to hear the Good News that Jesus was born that all may have life everlasting. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.



Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.