



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022



Take your Pulse

What is something you are looking forward to getting done today?

What is something on your to-do list that just keeps getting further pushed down the list?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 20

“Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia.” We sing this refrain on Easter morning as this chapter is read and the sermon proclaims the good news, Jesus is not in the tomb. He is alive. A sequence of appearances begins. First Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, then to the whole group of disciples that night, well, except Thomas, who is not there. But he is the following week, when Jesus appears again. Yes, these disciples are in Jerusalem all this time. They have seen Jesus once, and are wondering what comes next, and Jesus does appear again. But they are still unsure of what comes next. Again, the author is counting on his reader to know the rest of the story—the founding of the church, the development of the movement to this moment they are reading, for the reader to fill in the rest of the story. But those first disciples, what a weird week they had.



Start the Thinking

How do you recognize Jesus in the world today?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, your tomb was opened in the middle of the night, when no one was watching. Your light was not extinguished, nor was it contained forever. Your light is now a beacon drawing all unto eternal and abundant life. May our faith point others to this beacon, allowing them to experience the same eternal and abundant life we have. 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.