



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022



Take your Pulse

What is your best vacation memory?

What vacation would you like to forget?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 9

Herod's questioning of who this Jesus is hangs over this chapter. Herod knows this is not John resurrected. He is concerned he might be a prophet of old come back. Or something else indeed. Who could this be? Who could be the one who feeds so many? Who could be the one who heals? Who could be the one left standing when the cloud is lifted? We the reader may well still wonder the same things with Herod. We may wonder if we can profess the same faith as Peter who named Jesus as the Messiah. We may wonder if we can bring our sick to Jesus with the faith of the father who had no where else to turn. We may even wonder if we can forgive those who turn their back on Jesus, or leave all we have and follow without turning back. The Gospel brings many wonderings to us, and we stand in good company.



Start the Thinking

The father of the boy who came to Jesus after the Transfiguration scene, he was in quite a desperate moment. No one could help him. Doctors of his time couldn't. The disciples couldn't. What does that kind of desperation feel like? Where do we turn when we feel that kind of desperation today?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, your Son is the Messiah, the one who heals, and feeds, and shines in your glory. Give us the faith to trust Jesus more fully, so that we do not wait for full desperation to come forward, but stand confident in his presence at all times. 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.