



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What is your favorite Spring time scent?

What scent is maddening to you, that if you never smelled it again, it would still be too soon?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 11

Remember John the Baptist? It has been a while since we have heard from him. Back in the beginning of Jesus' ministry, John tried to not baptize Jesus, but relented when Jesus said it was the way it had to be. Now in Matthew's gospel, there is no mention of a connection between the two. It is in Luke's gospel that John is born of Elizabeth, a relative of Mary. Since his work of baptizing, John has been imprisoned. And again, while the circumstances are not named here, you can imagine John sitting in his cell, remembering back to the baptism, the amazing scene of the dove descending, thinking all his work of proclaiming the coming Messiah was finally brought to fruition. So where is it? Where is this Kingdom of God that man was supposed to bring? Why am I, John wonders, in jail?



Start the Thinking

We sometimes wonder why we don't see the Kingdom of God in all its glory today. As we read the Gospels, we can't help but to believe the Kingdom is fully here. But even as it is, there are still signs it is not fully here. What comfort do we take from John still seeking to know if Jesus is the one who is to come?



Conversing with God

God who is hidden, open our eyes, open our ears, help us to see you and hear you at work in the world around us. Drown out the noise that deafens us to your word. Blow away the clouds that fog our vision. Give us the glimpse of your Kingdom that we can trust all the more your reign here and now. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen