



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

Today's Reading

John Chapter 7

Jesus has brothers, and faces the first attempt to have him arrested. This is quite a packed chapter. You may or may not have heard that Jesus has brothers. Other Gospel writers have written about Jesus' mother and brothers and sisters looking for him. Now, John also describes his brothers speaking with him, encouraging him to go to Jerusalem for the festival, but also that they don't believe their own brother. Then the officers sent to arrest him kind of do believe him, and kind of realize they shouldn't arrest him, even though that decision lands them in hot water with their authorities for not arresting Jesus. All because in Jesus' words, his hour has not come.



Start the Thinking

We all have siblings. We all have different relationships with our siblings, some stronger, others more distant. We also know when our siblings are full of nonsense. How easy is it to relate to Jesus' brothers who aren't too sure they believe he is "The Messiah?"



Conversing with God

Light of the World, may our hearts be full of belief, may our believing hearts be the source of rivers flowing with the Spirit, may the world come to see you in all glory because the Spirit leads us to testify to all you have done. 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.