



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022



Take your Pulse

It is a new week, what are you looking forward to this week?

What are you not looking forward to this week?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 14

There is a lot of anxiety in this room where this dinner takes place. Jesus is telling his disciples about one who will betray, one who will deny, others will run away. For a holiday meal that is supposed to bring joy, Jesus is really scaring his disciples. So now in chapter 14, he tries to calm their fears—but he still can't help but talk about a future, a future when he will be gone. So the promise of the Holy Spirit is made. This Holy Spirit will be an advocate who will continue to lead the community as Jesus would lead the community, only Jesus won't actually be there. Maybe Jesus wasn't so good at this comforting thing after all.



Start the Thinking

There is so much to be anxious for. How does having faith in Jesus provide comfort for you when your anxiety is going up?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, we do not get to see you, we do not get to see the Father in Heaven. We do get to experience the breath of the Holy Spirit moving through us in prayer, song, Bible study, and the community of our church. Renew us in the advocacy of the Holy Spirit, so that our anxiety may decrease and our faith may increase. 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.