



# Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

## TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022



### Take your Pulse

What blessing do you want to share with your family today?

What thorn in your side do you wish would just go away?

### Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 12

Jesus asked, “Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?” Well, yes, the angels sang about it at your birth — “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.” (Lue 2:14) Maybe it is the stress of knowing he is going to Jerusalem and will be killed. Maybe it is the stress of arguing with Pharisees and lawyers and even his own disciples do not understand. Maybe it is the stress of knowing that in his name wars will be fought, millions will be slaughtered, and love and mercy will not always be favored. Whatever it is, Jesus seems angry in this chapter. And he doesn't seem to have his usual patience with those who disagree or nitpick or worry over things they cannot control.



### Start the Thinking

I don't know about you, but I have stopped watching the weather. Local forecasters make every forecast sound dire, as if it is horrible to have a hot day in the summer or snow in the winter. Yet even without watching the weather, I can still look to the skies and know what to expect. Where do you turn to get your weather forecast?



### Conversing with God

O Holy God, we are worried. Sometimes with good cause. The world is full of division. Violence breaks the silence of most days. The weather is turbulent. And our family drama is increasing. Enter into these divisions with your peace and mercy. Mend our brokenness and strengthen us to enjoy together your Kingdom. 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.