



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022



Take your Pulse

What are you thankful for today?

What is a regret you just can't let go of?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 7

The sermon on the mount comes to its conclusion in the final verses of Chapter 7. The teachings of Jesus get harder and harder as the sermon goes along. It is not easy to follow the way of Jesus. And Jesus wants his followers to know just how rough of a path it is going to be. The more we learn about Jesus, the more we come to understand the Grace of God, which supersedes our abilities to follow the way absolutely correct. We will fall, even in our best attempts. We will not always find that narrow gate. We will sometimes build on the sand. We will not always grow the right fruit, and so on. But the grace of God draws us ever closer—not so that we give up, but so we are free in our efforts of living as followers of Christ, to strive for these goals, to aim to the higher standard, but to do so on the foundation of grace.



Start the Thinking

Entering the kingdom of God is not as simple as saying “Lord, Lord” or prophesying in Jesus’ name. Entering the Kingdom of God is about doing God’s will. What helps you discern doing God’s Will?



Conversing with God

God the Creator-Gardener, prune from the branches of my life all that is unworthy and bearing bad fruit. Fertilize the roots of my life’s tree that I may bear fruit worthy for the Kingdom, that all may see your glory shine through me. 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