



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022



Take your Pulse

What is something that made you thankful today?

What is something that made you feel sad today?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 1

Today's reading includes a passage listing the genealogy of Jesus, and a brief account of Jesus' birth. Matthew and Luke both include Jesus' genealogy and a narrative about Jesus' birth. The accounts vary, though, as each author had a different purpose for telling this story. As you read the list of Jesus' ancestors, some names are more difficult to pronounce, and that is simply due to these names being ancient Hebrew names. Matthew' includes this list, though, to help the us understand how God has woven this story of salvation through the whole of Israel's history. The birth narrative in Matthew is significantly shorter than in Luke. Matthew is interested in how ancient Hebrew prophecy is fulfilled, so he crafts his story in such a way as to demonstrate that prophecy coming true in Jesus.



Start the Thinking

How do you see God still weaving the story of salvation through recent history?



Conversing with God

God of my ancestors, I thank you for all who you have sewn into the tapestry of my faith story. May I continue to see your salvation weaving through the strands of my daily life as I share your story with the next generation of my faithful family. In your holy name, I pray.
Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord' 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