



DAILY READINGS

THREE CHAPTERS. THREE SECTIONS.
ONE FRAMEWORK. EVERY DAY.

DAY 4

MATTHEW 4 - ROMANS 4 - ACTS 4



ABOUT THIS BRIEF

WHY WE PUT THIS TOGETHER

Every day of the 88-Day New Testament Bible Study covers three chapters across three different sections of the New Testament simultaneously. The reading plan was designed so that each day you experience the Kingdom gospel, the grace gospel, and the transition between them side by side. But without context, those three chapters can feel disconnected or even contradictory. The daily summaries exist to bridge that gap showing you why it matters and how it connects to the bigger picture.

We put these together because rightly dividing the word of truth is not just a concept to understand once and move on. It is a lens to apply every single day. Each summary identifies which section of the framework you are reading in, what the primary audience is, and how that day's three chapters speak to each other across different administrations of God's plan.

A NOTE ON USE

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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 4 presents Jesus publicly proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom, accompanied by miracles that authenticate Him as Israel's promised King.

Romans 4 shifts the focus to Paul's explanation of the gospel of grace, demonstrating through Abraham that righteousness is credited by faith alone. Because salvation is of faith, it is according to grace, guaranteeing God's promise to every believer.

Acts 4 shows Peter continuing that witness, healing in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth as God confirms His message to Israel during the transitional period.

Matthew 4	Romans 4	Acts 4
Jesus preaches the gospel of the Kingdom	Faith is counted for righteousness	Peter ministers in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth
"Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."	Justification apart from works	Miracles confirm Israel's Messiah
Kingdom signs include healing and miracles	Grace guarantees God's promise through faith	Signs and healings continue during the transition
Israel remains the primary audience	Jew and Gentile alike are justified by faith	Israel is still being called to believe



MATTHEW 4 - JESUS BEGINS PREACHING

Theme

After overcoming Satan's temptation, Jesus begins His public ministry by proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven.

Outline

1. Jesus is tempted by Satan (vv. 1–11)
 - Jesus resists every temptation by quoting Scripture.
 - He succeeds where Israel had failed in the wilderness.
2. Jesus begins His ministry (vv. 12–17)
 - Jesus moves to Capernaum, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy.
 - His message is: "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
 - This is the same Kingdom message John the Baptist preached in Matthew 3.
3. Calling the first disciples (vv. 18–22)
 - Peter, Andrew, James, and John leave their nets to follow Jesus.
 - They will become apostles to Israel.
4. Ministry throughout Galilee (vv. 23–25)
 - Jesus teaches in the synagogues.
 - He preaches the gospel of the kingdom.
 - He heals every kind of disease, confirming His identity as Israel's Messiah.

Kingdom Emphasis

- Audience: Israel.
- Message: Repent, because the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
- Jesus' miracles authenticate His claim as the promised King and demonstrate the powers of the coming Kingdom.



ROMANS 4 - FAITH IS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Theme

Paul proves from Abraham and David that justification has always been by faith, not by works.

Outline

1. Abraham justified by faith (vv. 1–8)
 - Abraham believed God, His faith was counted for righteousness.
 - David also describes the blessing of forgiven sin apart from works.
2. Before circumcision (vv. 9–12)
 - Abraham was justified before he was circumcised.
 - He becomes the father of all who believe.
3. The promise comes through faith (vv. 13–17)
 - The inheritance was not through the Law.
 - It is by faith, not by works.
4. Faith guarantees the promise (vv. 18–25)
 - Abraham believed despite impossible circumstances.
 - Christ was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification.

Grace Emphasis

- Paul explains that salvation rests entirely on God's grace.
- Because it is by faith, it is according to grace, making God's promise certain and secure for everyone who believes.
- Grace guarantees what works never could.



ACTS 4 - PETER MINISTERS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Theme

The apostles continue proclaiming Israel's Messiah with miraculous signs despite growing opposition.

Outline

1. Peter and John are arrested (vv. 1–12)
 - The religious leaders object to their preaching.
 - He proclaims that salvation is found in no one else.
2. The apostles are threatened (vv. 13–22)
 - The rulers cannot deny the miracle.
 - Peter and John refuse to stop preaching.
3. Prayer for boldness (vv. 23–31)
 - The believers ask God for courage.
 - The Holy Spirit empowers them to continue speaking boldly.
4. Unity among believers (vv. 32–37)
 - The believers share their possessions.
 - Great power accompanies the apostles' testimony.

Transition Emphasis

- Acts continues the transition from Christ's earthly ministry toward God's future revelation through Paul.
- Peter's ministry is still marked by miraculous healings and signs performed.
- The Kingdom has not yet been formally set aside, and Israel is still being called to recognize her Messiah.



2 Timothy 2:15

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth. (AMPC)



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