



DAILY READINGS

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

DAY 12

MATTHEW 12 - ROMANS 12 - ACTS 12



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 12 records one of the most significant moments in Jesus' earthly ministry as Israel's religious leaders openly reject the King, even attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan.

Romans 12 shifts from doctrine to daily living, showing how those who have been saved by the gospel of the grace of God are to live. Instead of seeking righteousness through the Law, believers present themselves as living sacrifices, serving together as members of the Body of Christ in humility, love, and obedience. Together, these chapters show the rejection of the Kingdom, the transition toward Paul's ministry, and the practical life that flows from God's grace.

Acts 12 concludes Peter's prominent ministry by showing God's sovereign protection of His witness while quietly preparing the reader for the missionary ministry of Barnabas and Saul, which begins in the next chapter.

Matthew 12	Romans 12	Acts 12
Israel's leaders reject the King despite His miracles	Believers are called to live transformed lives in the Body of Christ	God preserves Peter while preparing for Paul's ministry
The religious leaders attribute Christ's works to Satan	Present your bodies as living sacrifices	Peter is delivered; Herod is judged
The Kingdom offer faces increasing rejection	Grace produces humble service and genuine love	The transition is about to shift toward Paul's ministry
Jesus reveals true spiritual family	The Body of Christ serves together with different gifts	Barnabas and Saul prepare for the next stage of Acts



MATTHEW 12 - ISRAEL REJECTS THE KING

Theme

Israel's religious leaders reject Jesus despite overwhelming evidence, marking a decisive turning point in His earthly ministry.

Outline

1. Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath (vv. 1–14)
 - The Pharisees accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath.
 - Jesus declares: “The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.”
 - Rather than believing, the religious leaders begin plotting His death.
2. Jesus Fulfills Isaiah's Prophecy (vv. 15–21)
 - Jesus continues healing many people.
 - Matthew identifies Him as God's chosen Servant foretold by Isaiah.
3. The Unpardonable Sin (vv. 22–37)
 - Jesus casts out a demon.
 - The Pharisees claim He performs miracles by the power of Beelzebub.
 - Jesus warns them about blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, attributing the Holy Spirit's work through the Messiah to Satan.
4. The Sign of Jonah (vv. 38–45)
 - The religious leaders demand another sign.
 - Jesus points to His future death and resurrection through the sign of Jonah. He condemns their unbelief.
5. Jesus' True Family (vv. 46–50)
 - Jesus teaches that those who do the Father's will are His true spiritual family.

Kingdom Emphasis

- Audience: Israel.
- The Kingdom continues to be offered, but Israel's leaders harden their hearts.
- Matthew 12 marks a major turning point as the nation's religious leadership officially rejects the King despite undeniable Kingdom signs.



ROMANS 12 - LIVING UNDER GRACE

Theme

Paul explains how believers who have been justified by grace should now live as transformed followers of Christ.

Outline

1. A Living Sacrifice (vv. 1–2)

- Believers are urged to present their bodies to God.
- We are transformed by the renewing of our minds rather than conformed to the world.

2. One Body, Many Members (vv. 3–8)

- Every believer has a spiritual gift.
- The Body of Christ functions through humble service and mutual dependence.

3. Marks of the Christian Life (vv. 9–21)

- Love sincerely.
- Bless those who persecute you.
- Live peaceably whenever possible.
- Overcome evil with good.

Grace Emphasis

- Romans 12 begins the practical application of the gospel of grace.
- Because believers have received God's mercy, they are called to live transformed lives.
- Service is motivated by grace rather than by obligation under the Law.
- The Body of Christ displays God's grace through humility, love, and faithful service.



ACTS 12 - GOD PRESERVES HIS WITNESS

Theme

Despite intense persecution, God sovereignly protects His servants and continues advancing His work.

Outline

1. James Is Martyred (vv. 1–2)
 - Herod executes James, the brother of John.
 - Persecution against the apostles intensifies.
2. Peter Is Imprisoned and Delivered (vv. 3–19)
 - Peter is arrested during Passover.
 - The church prays earnestly for him.
 - An angel miraculously delivers Peter from prison.
 - Peter rejoins the believers, who rejoice at God's intervention.
3. Herod's Judgment (vv. 20–23)
 - Herod accepts worship that belongs only to God.
 - God strikes him, and he dies.
4. The Word Continues to Grow (vv. 24–25)
 - "The word of God grew and multiplied."
 - Barnabas and Saul return from Jerusalem after completing their ministry.

Transition Emphasis

- Acts 12 closes an important section of the Book of Acts.
- Peter remains prominent, but attention is beginning to shift.
- With Barnabas and Saul returning together, the stage is set for Acts 13, where Paul's missionary ministry becomes the primary focus.
- The transition from Peter's ministry to Israel toward Paul's ministry among the Gentiles is about to become much more apparent.



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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