



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

You have one call to make tonight, who's it going to be?

You have one call to make to someone from your past, who's it going to be?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 24

Chapter 24 and 25 follow from the disciples wondering what we all wonder—when will these things happen? The disciples are asking as Jesus just said the Temple will be destroyed. We ask as we are wondering when Jesus will return. For as long as these words have been committed to paper, people have wondered. Though as we read what is about to happen, we might want to ask—Jesus, can you delay this for as long as possible? Because it sounds gruesome. And indeed, when Jerusalem fell in the year 70 AD, it was gruesome. The soldiers marched in, killed indiscriminately, burned what could be burnt, smashed what couldn't be burnt. They brought in statues of their pantheon of Gods and placed it where the Temple stood, the desolating sacrilege Jesus spoke of.



Start the Thinking

What is the fascination with the end times? How do Jesus' words give us confidence to not worry about such times and instead focus on the present?



Conversing with God

God of all the ages, we are afraid of what is to come. It is unknown to us. And by the predictions of your own Son, it will not be a pleasant transition from this age to the next. Comfort our weary hearts, strengthen our faith, empower us to keep proclaiming the Good News with hope and joyous anticipation of the next age to come. 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