



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

Do you have a recurring dream that you enjoy recurring?

Do you have a nightmare you wish you would not experience again?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 15

John comes across rather repetitive throughout these discourses by Jesus. The metaphor changes, this chapter Jesus says “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.” Also, Jesus says, “I am the vine, you are the branches.” These metaphors lead into Jesus again talking about the commandment to love, the difference between the world and God’s Kingdom, and the Holy Spirit coming to lead us in belief and testimony for Jesus. Some scholars wonder if these discourses were really from other times in Jesus life, and the author collected them here for the ease of story telling. Other scholars understand that in ancient Greek rhetorical writing took this format. It was not considered repetitive, but accentuating the point, driving home the theme so the hearer would have a more complete picture.



Start the Thinking

As fall approaches, many of us have gardens that will need to be pruned back, cleaned up, and readied for winter. Which flowers in your garden were the most beautiful this year? What changes to your garden are you already thinking about for next year?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, in baptism, we were grafted as branches into the vine of Jesus. His life, death, and resurrection, are not the pulse of our faith’s heartbeat, sustaining us into an abundant life. Fertilize us with your Word so our faith may continue to grow and keep us on the steady path to eternal life. In your holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ, our Savior, is alive! The grave could not hold him. Christ is alive! There is joy this morning! Go into the world with joy. Tell the world Christ lives. Tell the world of God’s love. Go, my sisters and brothers, go without fear; go without shame; go without apology. Go in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.