



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

A plane ticket to anywhere in the world has just come in the mail. Where are you going?

Someone offered you one million dollars to go somewhere and you refused. Where are you not going?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 1

Our fourth Gospel is very different from the first three. The author John does not follow the pattern established by the Synoptic Gospels. He has an agenda to convey as much of Jesus' divinity as possible. The stories he shares are all about showing how Jesus is the light of the world, the one by whom the world was created, and the one through whom the world will be redeemed. Already in this first chapter we see how things are different. Instead of showing us the baptism, John instead tells us what happened after it when John the Baptizer was pointing to Jesus and naming him clearly as the One they are all looking for. And what is it they are looking for? Well, John the author tells us "Come and See" in two back to back stories ... Come and See, and now the rest of the story will unfold for us to see as we read the rest of the Gospel.



Start the Thinking

The Gospel writer tells us The true light was in the world, the world came into being through him, and yet the world did not know him. How can a creation not know its creator? How can a creation become aware of its creator? And what happens when creation does recognize its creator?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, open our eyes so we may see by your illumination. Let us see clearly all obstacles in our way of following you. With your sight may we ever appreciate all that you have made, and love more fully with the same heart that God has for all that is. 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.