



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022



Take your Pulse

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Do you think the future is hard to predict?

Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 13

This chapter is often called “the little apocalypse”. Here Jesus reveals events that would happen in the future. The destruction of the Temple, persecution of God’s people and the coming of the Son of Man. These events were experienced by Mark’s readers and also by other Christians throughout history. Jesus warns against thinking either that the end is coming very soon or at some very distant time. Jesus instructs us to learn from the fig tree and be watchful. Those who fail to keep awake will miss out on the coming kingdom.



Start the Thinking

Mark apparently expected Jesus to return during his lifetime, but as Jesus says, no one other than God the Father knows when this will occur? Are you living your life as if you expect Jesus to return during your lifetime? Why or why not?



Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

Signs of your coming kingdom are all around us. Help us to wait and watch and pray so that we do not miss out on the joy of your presence. Amen.



Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen