



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022



Take your Pulse

Rose is a beautiful flower. Where do you see beauty in the world today?

Roses have thorns that hurt. Where do you see pain in the world today?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 4

No rest for the weary. Jesus has his big exciting day of baptism, and before the celebration party could end he is off and running with the devil in the wilderness, calling his first disciples, and healing many. His fame is spreading, and other than a few retorts to the devil, we haven't heard him say a whole lot yet. Who is this mysterious man who was baptized, tended to by angels, and is a famous healer? Certainly we know the full story, so we know the answer of who Jesus is. Even for the first readers of the Gospel, they would have known the story of Jesus already. So perhaps Matthew took for granted all sorts of details that he felt didn't need to be recorded. Like, how did Jesus first start healing people, where, how did people react to a miracle worker.



Start the Thinking

Jesus simply called out to Simon, Andrew, James and John, and they dropped everything and followed him. What kind of person would have to approach you, and if that person called you to follow, you would drop everything to follow?



Conversing with God

God of the wilderness, your Son showed us what a life of fully trusting you looks like. Turning away from momentary needs, and trusting you through even the most hungering moments. Strengthen us with the same commitment of faith, that we, too, can rely on you and not the vain empty promises of the world. 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