



# Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

## THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022



### Take your Pulse

What is the most recent book or tv show or movie that entertained you the most?

When is a time you found no joy in reading a book or watching TV/movies?

### Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 7

The Kingdom of God is often interrupting our daily life. A centurion interrupts Jesus' ministry, to ask for healing. A funeral procession is interrupted by the presence of Jesus who overturns the funeral and makes it a true celebration of life as the man is restored to his mother. John, even in prison, has his incarceration interrupted as he seeks to know something that we assumed he knew — Are you, Jesus, really the one? But John remains incarcerated. He does not experience the Kingdom the same way the centurion did, or the grieving mother, or even the freedom the woman at dinner experienced. Yet, the Kingdom of God still came, even for John, even in his prison cell.



### Start the Thinking

We often wrestle with why miracles are occasional, why some experience them and others do not. We are in good company as John sitting in jail was wondering where his miracle was. What do you make of a God who only shows off his "miraculous" powers occasionally?



### Conversing with God

O Holy God, interrupt our life, please. Show us your mighty power. Fill us with your grace. Restore to life the things in our life that have died. Open the way for us to experience your forgiveness. Then send us as witnesses, that we may interrupt another's life with the same experience of the Kingdom that you first give us. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen



### Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.