



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022



Take your Pulse

Share a happy childhood memory.

Share an unhappy childhood memory.

Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 9

Here we encounter the Transfiguration and are reminded once again who Jesus is. The disciples get more learning experiences as they witness the healing of a boy with a Spirit that they themselves could not exorcise. Once again Jesus tells us about his upcoming death and resurrection, and yet the disciples still do not understand what this all means. Their lack of understanding becomes obvious as they start to argue amongst themselves about who is the greatest. Jesus then teaches them a very harsh lesson about what it means to be the greatest using a little child as an example. Jesus gives both promise and warning to those who wish to bear his name. The extreme examples emphasize that—whether we cause others to stumble or put ourselves in jeopardy, participating in the life of the kingdom of God is a matter of total commitment.



Start the Thinking

In this chapter, a man says to Jesus, “I believe; help my unbelief!” Is faith an either/or matter? How can someone have faith and doubts at the same time?



Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

Following you is hard and we sometimes don't even know what to believe. Strengthen us in our faith and help our unbelief. 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