



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022



Take your Pulse

What is your favorite food?

What food would you not eat if it was all that was served today?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 16

I get a kick out of Jesus in verses 5 and following. He says to the disciples, “But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’” And it’s like, well, duh, Jesus, you haven’t taken a breath between sentences all evening, when are they supposed to ask this question. Also, Jesus, you have confused these poor disciples so much, they don’t even know what they are supposed to ask right now. Jesus is telling them he has to leave. And this remains a question in our faith today. Why couldn’t Jesus avoid this death and just stay? Here in John’s Gospel, Jesus is driving home a point about how salvation will happen, through him being glorified on a cross. It is unavoidable. The sins of the world are only going to be defeated in Jesus glory, a moment that comes with crucifixion and resurrection.



Start the Thinking

What was the most difficult subject you took when you were in high school? How about when you were in college? When you faced a difficult subject did you receive any help to better understand what the teacher was trying to say today?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, you offer a peace that surpasses all understanding, a peace that calms our anxieties and leads us through all confusion. Lift us into this peace once more. Give us such a sense of peace that others ask and we may say our peace comes from you. 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.