



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2022



Take your Pulse

What reading from Matthew's Gospel was the most comforting?

What reading from Matthew's Gospel was the most challenging?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 28

The story of the resurrection comes with many more questions than it does answers. Compared to the 27 chapters that lead up to this moment, the story of the resurrection is very short. It is filled with conspiracy theories (the soldiers are paid off to lie about the disciples stealing the body), angels and the briefest appearance of Jesus. There is a quick shift away from Jerusalem back to Galilee, and here as the disciples gather we are told some worshipped and some doubted. Another translation might be that the disciples were filled both with a spirit of worship and a spirit of doubt. The Gospel writer knew his audience was certainly filled with both emotions. Perhaps today, you are also. And while the rest of the story may not be fully understood if this is all we had to go on, we are definitely left in good company who share our sense of worship and doubt.



Start the Thinking

The story is still told today that the resurrection never happened, that the disciples made it up. What draws you to faith in Jesus, and believing that he really is raised from the dead?



Conversing with God

God of new life, your Son opened the way to everlasting life for us all. Let us experience that everlasting life today, that we may have the hope of experiencing in the life that is to come, when we unite with all the faithful at your heavenly banquet. 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