



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022



Take your Pulse

Remember that commercial where the camel goes around saying it is hump day? What is your favorite TV or radio commercial?

What commercial is your least favorite?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 17

The time in the Upper Room is coming to a close. Jesus leads his disciples in a round of prayers that grows in audience. Jesus prays for those with him, for those who will be in the community after he has ascended, and eventually the circle of who Jesus is praying for includes even modern day disciples. This prayer even extends in time as Jesus references not being in the world any longer. This is not just a simple prayer given for that night. This is a prayer Jesus continues to say for his followers. One could imagine Jesus today sitting on his throne at the right hand of God the Father, and Jesus is still praying this for his disciples, those of past generations, those of today's Christian community, and those who will come after us.



Start the Thinking

Who has lead a prayer life that you wish you could emulate?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, you pray that we be protected in your name, and that we would have peace through unity in your name. Build up that wall of protection once more, that as we weather the storms of our modern day we may know your peace and security and trust you above all the chaos of the world. 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.