



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

Which wonder of the natural world have you visited and been most inspired by?

Which natural area of the world has been recently devastated by a disaster that will take many years for recovery?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 6

Do you ever get the feeling that the Pharisees are following Jesus around like a tattling 3-year-old? “Jesus, your disciples did something wrong.” “Disciples, your master did something wrong.” You just want to swat them and send them to bed without dessert. Luke here also recounts a version of the Sermon on the Mount. Here, the sermon takes place on a plain, and Luke recounts a much briefer version of that sermon. But he adds woes as a balance to the blessings. Luke’s narrative of the Gospel often features a reversal of fortune—where those who are blessed are humbled low, and those who suffer many woes are lifted high. You could say the playing field in the Kingdom of God is leveled, every one is on the same “plane” or as in the case of where the sermon takes place, on the same “plain.”



Start the Thinking

The Gospel is supposed to comfort us, right? Yet, when we hear Jesus speaking the Woes, we hear situations that we find ourselves. Is Jesus really dis-comforting us by tell us we will experience a great fall? What does it mean to say “Woe” to something?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, our gardens are growing, the fields are bearing their fruits. May all that is harvested be good fruit, may all that is weeds or unfit for harvest be carefully pruned, so only the blessings of your goodness may remain. 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.