

Preparing for Easter 2023

1/3 of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, detail the last week of Jesus. They can prepare us for a meaningful Easter. We will focus our reading plan on the book of Mark. Add a helpful free Bible study app called Biblehub. Our website contains a link on the homepage and a video tutorial of study tips which will help in this Easter reading plan.

Read a paragraph or a whole chapter. Ask some questions (or ask each other, even your children) from your reading. From your reading or answering questions, is there something that you need to believe, or do?

Chapter 11 is Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of the last week. Read Psalm chapter 118 because it will be cited throughout the last week. Jesus tore up the temple trading because it was overtaking the court of the Gentiles which relates to his comment about the house of prayer for all the nations. What do you see about Jesus's offer of prayer?

Chapter 12 is all day Tuesday, parables and teachings about himself and dealing with all the types of religious leaders who were opposing him. What is helpful for you to know and incorporate into your life?

Chapter 13 is leaving the temple Tuesday on his way back to Bethany where he was staying. Jesus gives instructions, good for us to remember about his return to bring us to himself. What are some important things to be wary of and how can you stay prepared for his return?

Chapter 14 is a full teaching day for his disciples (us included). What do you observe about The Last Supper (Lord's Supper) which we do each Sunday? The hymn they sang was Psalm 118. This night includes His prayers in Gethsemane, His betrayal, Peter's denial, the trial before Jewish officials. Jesus again foretells his resurrection (and death).

Chapter 15. Early Friday morning Jesus is taken to the Roman governor. Pilate wanted to free Jesus but the crowd who wanted to crown him on Sunday now want him crucified. He is tortured and crucified on a cross. Who also needs to carry a cross? And what does that mean to you?

Chapter 16 is the turning point of all history, including yours and mine. Examine the events and witnesses of the resurrection. Beyond that, what does this mean for your life? What steps would help you take advantage of what Jesus has done for you? *Make this Easter the year that changes everything for you and your family.*