

## September 25, 2022—Do You Fear Jesus?

Full Reading Plan: Matthew 9:1-13:53 | Mark 2:1-4:31 | Luke 5:1-6:12 & 8:1-56 | John 5:1- 47 | Psalm 108- 113

Contextual Reading Plan: Mark 2:1-4:31 | Psalm 108- 113

*Going Deeper Questions:*

1. In Mark 2:1-12 Jesus heals a paralytic who is lowered through the roof of a house? What is Jesus' first response to the man who is lowered through the roof? What does Jesus's response tell us about our greatest need? What was the scribes response to Jesus' forgiving the paralytic's sins? Why does Jesus ultimately heal the paralyzed man?
2. In Mark 4:35-41 A storm comes upon Jesus and the disciples. What was Jesus doing with the storm first showed up? How did the disciples interpret the situation they were in? What did they think about Jesus as he was sleeping in the stern of the boat?
3. In the same passage Jesus wakes up and immediately calms the storm. How did the disciples perception of Jesus change from before when they believed the storm was going to kill them? What is your day-to-day perception of Jesus? How does it change when life is difficult?

## October 2, 2022—A Relentless Pursuing God

Full Reading Plan: Luke 14:1-17:37 | Psalm 114-118

Contextual Reading Plan: Luke 15 | Psalm 114-118

*Going Deeper Questions:*

1. In Luke 15 we see three lost things. What are they? Why do you think God chooses these three things to display his pursuit of humanity?
2. Why is each of the three lost things celebrated with they are found? In the parable of the lost son why does the older brother not celebrate with his father? Do you think sometimes people in the church can be like the older son? How does your answer make you think about the church in general and Northcliffe in particular?

## Reading Plan: The Redemption

Malachi, in the last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament, reminds us that “the day of the Lord is coming,” and calls us to “remember the law of my servant Moses.” Then, silence. For 400 years there is silence. The people of God are going about their lives, some are looking for the promised Messiah, some are building a religious structure to ensure their prominence, some are wondering what to do with the law, the prophets, and the wisdom literature that they had revered. Into this silence comes Jesus, the Word who was made flesh and dwelt among us.

In this section of the reading plan we will look at the incarnation of Jesus through the gospels. We will rediscover and celebrate the good news of the gospel and experience afresh the joy of His salvation. As you read through the text we are going to line up the stories of the gospels so you can read all four of the accounts of Jesus together and see the texture that each gospel writer brings to this history of the Son of God living among his creation, dying for our sins, and raising to life in a declaration of victory over sin and death. Join us again for this exciting journey through the Bible.

## August 21, 2022 The Genealogy of Jesus

Full Reading Plan: Matthew 1:1-3:17 | Mark 1:1-11 | Luke 1:1-3:23 | John 1:1-51 | Psalm 79-85

Contextual Reading Plan: Matthew 1:1-3:17 | Psalm 79-85

*Going Deeper Questions:*

1. Why do you think we have different genealogies for Jesus in Matthew and Luke?
2. Mark and John do not include a genealogy. What are they focusing on instead of a genealogy?
3. How do you think John the Baptist felt when Jesus came to him to be baptized? What does Jesus being baptized communicate about baptisms importance?

## August 28, 2022– Preparing the way

Full Reading Plan: John 2:1-3:36 | Psalms 86-93

Contextual Reading Plan: John 2:1-3:36 | Psalms 86-93

*Going Deeper Questions:*

1. John takes a different look at Jesus' life than the other gospel writers. While there are a lot of overlaps, John focuses on a lot of different parts of Jesus' incarnation. How do the differences in John's gospel help us gain a better picture of Jesus' life during the incarnation?
2. When Jesus turns water into wine, the headwaiter says to the groom that he saved the best wine till the end, after he had tasted with water Jesus had turned to wine. What does this episode indicate about what God creates versus what humanity creates?
3. When Jesus clears the Temple in John 2, what do the Pharisees demand of Jesus and what is Jesus' response? Why do the disciples remember this interaction later?

## September 4, 2022– Looking back into the Old Testament

Reading: Job 1-42

This may seem a little odd, but if you look closely we never read one of the most interesting books in all of the Old Testament, Job. This week take some time to read through the book of Job. It is an amazing book with so much depth. Here are some thoughts to guide you through.

1. Summarize the Job 1 in your own words. What is one thing that stands out to you in Job 1 that you might not have noticed before?
2. Job goes through a lot of emotions in his journey through grief, sorrow, and suffering. What are some of the emotions you can most identify with? Why do you think God put this part of history in the Bible for us today?
3. The book of Job ends in a dynamic confrontation when God answers Job. What is Job's final response (hint: see Job 42:1-6)

## September 11, 2022—Shortcut to Disaster

Full Reading Plan: Matthew 4:1-25 | Mark 1:12-39 | Luke 4:1-37 |

Psalm 94-100

Contextual Reading Plan: Matthew 4:1-25 | Psalm 94-100

*Going Deeper Questions:*

1. Immediately after Jesus is baptized he is led into the wilderness to be tempted by the Satan. What stands out to you about this passage of scripture?
2. Satan tries to tempt Jesus by quoting scripture to him. What does Satan's use of scripture in this passage teach us about the importance of understanding the Bible? What does this passage teach us about Jesus's understanding of himself and his understanding of scripture?
3. Jesus begins to gather disciples in this passage. What disciples does he call first and what is their response? How are you responding to God's call in your life?

## September 18, 2022—Jesus, Interrupted

Full Reading Plan: Matthew 8:28 -34 | Mark 5:1-6:16 | Luke 8:26-56 |

Psalm 101-107

Contextual Reading Plan: Mark 5:1-6:16 | Psalm 101-107

*Going Deeper Questions:*

1. Jesus heals a man possessed by demons in our passages today. What surprises you about the towns people's response to Jesus healing of the man? Are we suspicious or skeptical of times when God is doing things in other people's lives?
2. Jairus and an unnamed woman both seek out Jesus in our passage. How would you describe their mental/emotional state when they came to find Jesus? When you think about your own walk with Christ, do you ever feel the way these two did? How could their view Jesus help us see Jesus better?
3. Psalm 107 is an amazing Psalm speaking of God's deliverance of his people from a variety of troubles. What portions of this Psalm