Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year - GraceFullBible - New Testament

Read entire New Testament in a Year with reading one chapter each week day

Reflections: Virtual Class

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date | March 2 - 6, 2015

Prayer: Open me Lord to your word so that I enter into deeper relationship with you. Amen

Readings:

Day 43 | Monday | March 02 | Mark 15 | Pilate asks are you the King of the Jews - Jesus says you say so; Crowd calls for his crucified - Pilate hands Jesus over; Jesus is mocked - crucified - Eloi, Eloi, Iema sabachthani? - Jesus dies - Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; Pilate releases body; Jesus remains are laid into a tomb witnessed by Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses; tomb is sealed with a stone.

Day 44 | Tuesday | March 03 | Mark 16 | Women are the first witnesses the Resurrection - Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome; Jesus shows up - Go to Galilee; they were afraid and said nothing. This is the classical ending to Mark.

Day 45 | Wednesday | March 04 | Luke 1 | I, too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed; birth of John the Baptist foretold; birth of Jesus foretold; Mary visits Elizabeth; Mary says "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed"; John is born; Zack prophesies -

Day 46 | Thursday | March 05 | <u>Luke 2</u> | Luke 2 is one of the most beloved section of Scripture for Christians; Jesus - Son of God - is born at a particular time and place under a particular government in a place known only to those who know of the fulfillment of God's promised Messiah; born in the context of the ordinary; with a hint of scandal; with all of heaven celebrating this child; and lowly workers hearing the message; Jesus' family are good Jews following the traditions of their faith; Simeon sees the Messiah and exclaims; parents were amazed; the prophet Anna sees the Messiah; Jesus grew in years - lost at Passover - found in the Temple by worried parents - Jesus makes a teenage response and then goes with parents and grows in wisdom and favor.

Day 47 | Friday | March 06 | <u>Luke 3</u> | John began his preaching at a particular time in history; fulfills Isaiah's prophecy of the Voice Crying in the Wilderness; called sinners out for their hypocrisy; Do? be fair and share everything; John is not the Messiah; Jesus is baptized by John - heavens open - You are my son the beloved; Jesus' linage to Adam and God and linked to the creation.

Prayer