

APRIL

DAILY READINGS

Ezra "set his heart to study the law" (Ezra 7:10). Our prayer is that you would love God & others more as a result of being devoted to the word and applying it to your life and the church.

- [1] Neh 1:4; 2:4; 4:4,9; 5:19; 6:9,14; 13:14,22,29,31 | What is the recurring theme or thought in these verses? Why is it important to God, and why is it important for all of God's people?
- [2] Neh 8 | What event was planned for the festival assembly (v.1)? Who requested this event and who attended?
- [3] Neh 8:3-9 | Notice the behavior of the people in verses 3-6. Why do you think the people responded first in grief and then in joy? How might this progression relate to people's responses to the gospel today?
- [4] Neh 8:9-18 | What particular elements of spiritual revival do you see mentioned in 8:1-12?

Sunday, April 5th | Palm Sunday

- [6] Jn 11 | What was the key event in this chapter?
- [7] Jn 12:1-19; Zech 9:9 | What was the reaction of the Jews to Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? What was the reaction of the Pharisees?
- [8] Lk 18:31-33; 19:28-44 | Did Jesus know what was going to happen to Him? What was Jesus' response to the blindness & impending misery of Jerusalem?
- [9] Lk 19:37-42 | Did Jesus' tears mean His plan had failed? What 3 situations point to Jesus' sovereignty in these verses?
- [10] Lk 23:13-25 | What is the response of the crowds as Jesus goes to Jerusalem as opposed to their shouts on Friday?
- [11] Mt 21:1-17; Isa 56:6-8; Isa 35:4-6; Psalms 8 | How does Jesus declare Himself King as He fulfills scripture?

Sunday, April 12th | Resurrection Sunday

- [13] Mt 27:50-53 | What were the seven results set in motion when Jesus gave up His spirit? What do you think they signify?
- [14] Lk 24:1-53 | Who were the groups of people who saw Jesus after His resurrection?
- [15] Jn 20:19-23 | Jesus appears to all the disciples at once. Describe the scene and the initial reaction of the disciples.
- [16] 1 Cor 15:12-20 | What are the 6 things that would be in shambles if Christ did not rise from the dead? Restate these in a positive way. Why is the resurrection crucial to our salvation? Read verse 20 aloud and thank God that Jesus has risen!

- [17] Because of Christ's resurrection and ours, we know that serving Him is not empty. Memorize 1 Cor 15:58.
- [18] Mt 28:17; Jn 20:24-29; Lk 24:13-34, 36-43 | Who doubted Jesus' resurrection? Have you ever doubted Jesus? Pray that God will help you believe.

Sunday, April 19th | Deuteronomy 6

- [20] Deut 6 | What is the most important commandment? Memorize verses 4-9.
- [21] Deut 6:4-9 | Go to www.thebibleproject.com/videos/shema-listen/ and watch the video. Write down anything that stands out to you. What do you think is meant by "The Lord our God, the Lord is one?"
- [22] Mt 22:34-40 | What 3 letter word is repeated 3 times in verse 5? What do you think this means? Look at Deut 4:29; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 30:6 and Mt 6:24.
- [23] Deut 4:9; 11:18-21; Joel 1:3 | What is the first assignment a parent has after loving God?
- [24] Deut 6:4-9; Prov 7:1-3 | What were the people to do with the commandments? What are some practical ways we can do this today?
- [25] Deut 6:20-25; Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:20-21 | Why should children obey? Who is the rule-giver? How can you use these verses to describe the Gospel to your children?

Sunday, April 26th | Intro to James

- [27] James 1 | Go to www.thebibleproject.com/explore/james and watch the video. Write down anything that stands out to you.
- [28] Jas 1:1 | Who was James? How does he describe himself? How is this significant?
- [29] Read through the book of James. Circle the word "perfect" which is repeated 7 times. The word means "wholeness & integrity". Why is this important?
- [30] Mt 12:46-50; Mk 6:3; Jn 7:5; 1 Cor 15:7; Gal 1:19 | What can we learn about James from these verses?
- [1] Jas 1:1; 2:1; 5:7-9 | To whom is James writing his letter? Who do you think they were?
- [2] Jas 1:2-8 | How do you normally feel & respond when you have to face a trial? How does James tell those scattered in the world to respond & why?