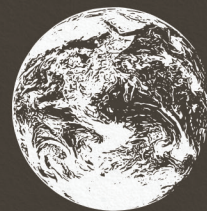


40 DAYS

WITH JESUS

Devotional Book



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

JESUS WAS RAISED BACK TO LIFE, BUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT FOR HIS FOLLOWERS?

Acts 1:3, *“After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.”*

You are going to spend the next 40 days on a journey with Jesus. Our prayer is that this will be a life-changing journey for you! Each devotion will take you about 15-20 minutes to complete.

Make the most of these 40 days by:

- Setting a time each day to complete your devotion.
- Spending time in God’s Word every day.
- Prioritizing prayer each day.
- Taking action based upon what God reveals for you to do.

I will do my devotion at _____ each day for 40 days. If I miss a day, I’ll do my best to catch up soon.
(Time)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

WE WANT YOU TO SHARE THIS JOURNEY WITH OTHERS TOO

*“Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.*

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:12

We are encouraging everyone on this 40 day journey to be in relationship with others in a 3/3 group. A 3/3 group is a simple way to grow together. Find some people to go through this with, or if you need help finding people let us know!

1/3 – Looking Back

The first third of the group's time is spent Looking Back at what's happened since they've been together.

2/3 – Looking Up

The middle third of the group's time is spent Looking Up for God's wisdom and direction through scripture, discussion, and prayer. *Choose a passage from your 40 day devotional to go through together.

3/3 – Looking Ahead

The final third of the group's time is spent Looking Forward to how they can each apply and obey what they've learned.

We will be using a great Bible study tool for all of our devotions. The method is called a 3-Column Bible Study. This is a simple way to dive into Scripture and a tool you can continue to use after these 40 days!



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*LOOKING TO DIVE DEEPER? WE HAVE INCLUDED SECTIONS OF SCRIPTURE FOR EACH DAY. IF YOU'D LIKE TO STUDY MORE, SIMPLY LOOK AT A FULLER PASSAGE FOR EACH DAY. YOU CAN FIND A GUIDE FOR DEEPER STUDY AT THE END OF THIS DEVOTIONAL BOOK.

DAY 1 | WHY JESUS?

<p>Hebrews 1:1-4 (All Scripture is from the New International Version)</p> <p><i>¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.</i></p>	<p>Rewrite the passage in your own words.</p>	<p>What do you notice from this passage?</p> <p>In the Next 48 hours I WILL:</p>
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DAY 2 | THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Matthew 3:13-17 ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 3 | THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Matthew 4:1-11 ¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 4 | THE PREACHING OF JESUS

Matthew 4:12-17 ¹² *When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.* ¹³ *Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—* ¹⁴ *to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:* ¹⁵ *“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—* ¹⁶ *the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”* ¹⁷ *From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 5 | JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

Matthew 4:18-22 ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 6 | JESUS HEALS THE SICK

Matthew 4:23-25 ²³ *Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.* ²⁴ *News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.* ²⁵ *Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and the region across the Jordan followed him.*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 7 | SALT AND LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-16 ¹³ *"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."* ¹⁴ *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."* ¹⁵ *Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."* ¹⁶ *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 8 | FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW

Matthew 5:17-20 ¹⁷ *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 9 | LOVE FOR ENEMIES

Matthew 5:43-48 ⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even Pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 10 | HOW TO PRAY

Matthew 6:5-15 ⁵ “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him ⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Rewrite the passage in **your own words**.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

DAY 11 | TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Matthew 6:19-24 ¹⁹ *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

Rewrite the passage in **your own words**.

What do you notice **from this passage?**

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

DAY 12 | ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Matthew 7:7-12 ⁷ *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

Rewrite the passage in **your own words**.

What do you notice **from this passage?**

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL:**

DAY 13 | THE WISE BUILDER

Matthew 7:24-29 ²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” ²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 14 | GREAT FAITH

Matthew 8:5-13 ⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶ “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” ⁸ The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. ¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 15 | JESUS' MINISTRY

Matthew 8:14-22 ¹⁴ When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. ¹⁵ He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. ¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases." ¹⁸ When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. ¹⁹ Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." ²¹ Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ²² But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 16 | JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Matthew 8:23-27 ²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" ²⁶ He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. ²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 17 | THE WORKERS ARE FEW

Matthew 9:35-38 ³⁵ *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

DAY 18 | JESUS SENDS OUT THE TWELVE

Matthew 10:16-20 ¹⁶ *"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.*
¹⁷ *Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.*
¹⁸ *On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.*¹⁹ *But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,*²⁰ *for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 19 | FULLY KNOWN

Matthew 10:24-33 ²⁴ *"The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! ²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³² "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 20 | COME TO ME

Matthew 11:25-30 ²⁵ *At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 21 | JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

Matthew 14:25-33 ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Rewrite the passage in **your own words**.

What do you notice **from this passage**?

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

DAY 22 | GREAT CONFESSION

Matthew 16:13-20 ¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 23 | PARABLE OF WANDERING SHEEP

Matthew 18:10-14 ¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴ In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

DAY 24 | SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES

Matthew 18:21-22 ²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”
²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 25 | WARNINGS TO THE RICH

Matthew 19:16-24 ¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” ¹⁷ “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ “Which ones?” he inquired. Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁰ “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 26 | THE GREATEST AMONG YOU

Matthew 20:20-28 ²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. ²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." ²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. ²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 27 | HEAVEN

Matthew 22:28-32 ²⁸ Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" ²⁹ Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. ³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. ³¹ But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 28 | THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Matthew 22:34-40 ³⁴ *Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.* ³⁵ *One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:* ³⁶ *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”* ³⁷ *Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’* ³⁸ *This is the first and greatest commandment.* ³⁹ *And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’* ⁴⁰ *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 29 | WHO IS THE MESSIAH?

Matthew 22:41-46 ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, ⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”’ ⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 30 | WARNINGS ABOUT HYPOCRISY

Matthew 23:1-12 ¹ When Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ² “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. ⁵ “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others. ⁸ “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 31 | SHEEP AND GOATS

Matthew 25:31-46 ³¹ *“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours
I WILL:

DAY 32 | JESUS ANOINTED AT BETHANY

Matthew 26:6-13 ⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. ⁹ “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.” ¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

DAY 33 | THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:20-29 ²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" ²³ Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." ²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours
I WILL:

DAY 34 | GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:36-46 ³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. ⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” ⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours
I WILL:

DAY 35 | THE DEATH OF JESUS

Matthew 27:45-54 ⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours
I WILL:

DAY 36 | HE IS RISEN

Matthew 28:1-10 ¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours
I WILL:

DAY 37 | GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:16-20 ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I WILL:

DAY 38 | ASCENSION

Acts 1:4-11 ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours
I WILL:

DAY 39 | THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

Acts 2:1-4 ¹ *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.* ² *Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.* ³ *They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.* ⁴ *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

DAY 40 | MESSAGE OF REPENTANCE

Acts 2:36-41 ³⁶ *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."*
³⁷ *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"*
³⁸ *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*
³⁹ *The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.* ⁴⁰ *With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."* ⁴¹ *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

Rewrite the passage in your own words.

What do you notice from this passage?

In the Next 48 hours I **WILL**:

EXPANDED STUDY PASSAGES

1. Hebrews 1:1-14, Colossians 1:15-23
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5. Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11
6. Mark 1:35-39, Luke 4:42-44
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35. Matthew 27:35-44, Mark 15:24-37, Luke 23:33-46, John 19:18-30
36. Mark 16:1-11, Luke 24:1-8, John 20:1-18
37. Mark 16:15-18
38. Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:44-49, 1 Corinthians 15:6-7
39. Acts 2:1-12
40. Acts 2:13-47

