

READING ASSIGNMENT, WEEK 5: THE GOSPELS (for July 1 sermon)

BOOKS COVERED: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

JOSEPH AND MARY'S FLIGHT INTO EGYPT | MATTHEW 2:12-23

How did Joseph and Mary know to go to Egypt? Who delivered the information?

Why would King Herod want to kill Jesus (see vv. 2:1-8)?

Why did the Lord inform Joseph and Mary that they must go to Egypt (v. 15)?
Why was it important for things to happen according to prophecy?

HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN | MARK 8:22-26

Jesus performed many miracles. Why was this one important enough to include in Scripture?

What significance is there (if any) to Jesus healing the blind?

After first laying His hands on the blind man, why does Jesus ask him, "Do you see anything?"
Wouldn't Jesus already know?

Why does Jesus tell him not to enter his village?

PARABLE OF THE LOST SON | LUKE 15:11-32

Who is the audience that Jesus delivered this parable and the two preceding parables to (see v. 15:1-2)? What insight does this give us about the intended meaning of the three parables in Luke 15?

What was the younger son saying to his father by asking for his share of the inheritance (v.12)?

What does the phrase “when he came to himself” or “when he came to his senses” mean (v. 17)?

What was the father’s response to his son’s return?
How would you feel if you were the lost son?

Who do you most identify with: the lost son or the older son? Both of them had hardened their hearts to God in different ways. What was the father's heart towards each of them?

RAISING OF LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD | JOHN 11:1-45

What does Jesus mean in v. 4? Why did He stay two days longer where He was before going to Lazarus (v. 6)? What does this tell us about Jesus?

Read Jesus' claim in vv. 25-26. What does this mean? His question in v. 26 is meant for us, too. How would you respond?

Why did Jesus weep (v. 35)? What does this tell us about Him?

Try to imagine the scene in vv. 38-44 as Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. How would you react? What would it be like?

What does v. 45 tell us about Jesus' motives for raising Lazarus? What does that tell us about God's miracles today?

JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000 | LUKE 9:10-17

Where were Jesus' apostles returning from (v. 10)? How would they feel?

How did Jesus respond when the crowd tracked Him down?

What does this mean for how He responds to us?

Why did Jesus tell the apostles to give the people something to eat (v. 13)?

Didn't He know they wouldn't have enough?

What precedes the multiplying of the loaves and fishes?

When Jesus performed the miracle, there was an abundance of bread and fish left over.

What does this tell us about God's provision in our own lives?
