

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – October 30 – November 4
Doing Life Together – Inside Out Pt. 5

MONDAY: Luke 2:11, John 4:42

KEY VERSE: Matthew 1:21

OBSERVATION: The primary sources of information about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ are the first four books of the New Testament, which are called the Gospels. Other sources are the many prophecies in the Old Testament about the future Messiah and the New Testament books in which the apostles explain many things about Christ and His teachings.

TUESDAY: Matthew 1:27, Luke 1:35

KEY VERSE: Matthew 1:18

OBSERVATION: God the Father used the Holy Spirit to bring about the conception of Jesus in the womb of the Jewish virgin named Mary. For further description, see Matthew 1:19-23 and Luke 1:26-35. And for a description of the Word voluntarily giving up His divine power and glory to temporarily become a human being, see Philippians 2:6-8.

WEDNESDAY: Luke 2:52, Luke 1:80

KEY VERSE: Luke 2:39-40

OBSERVATION: Jesus grew up with His mother, stepfather and several younger siblings, the natural children of Mary and Joseph. Jesus certainly was precocious, being able at 12 years old to discuss Scripture with scholars at the temple (Luke 2:41-52). And in order to later be the perfect sacrifice and Savior, He never sinned (Hebrews 4:15).

THURSDAY: Matthew 4:17, Matthew 9:35

KEY VERSE: Mark 1:14-15

OBSERVATION: The word gospel means "good news." Jesus' message was about God's plan to offer the opportunity for salvation to all humanity, which means eternal life in the Kingdom of God! Jesus healed people everywhere He went, which reveals several important things. His miracles proved that He was sent by God (Acts 2:22). They showed that He cares for our physical needs as well as our spiritual needs. He loved and respected all people, regardless of gender, race, age or status, demonstrating a degree of love the world had never seen and which serves as a role model for all His future followers (John 13:34-35).

FRIDAY: Jonah 1:17, Matthew 28:6

KEY VERSE: Matthew 12:40

OBSERVATION: At the close of Jesus' 3½-year ministry, Jesus willingly allowed Himself to be arrested, tortured, crucified and killed. Jesus' last and most important sign was His prophecy that He would rise from the dead in three days and would be in the tomb exactly three days and three nights (Matthew 12:38-40). That was precisely fulfilled!

SATURDAY: Mark 1:15, Matthew 3:6,

KEY VERSE: Acts 2:36-38

OBSERVATION: When the people were convinced that Jesus was "both Lord and Christ" (verse 36) and that the guilt for His death lay on everyone, many of them asked, "What shall we do?" They knew they needed to take action. Peter then told them what each person must do to be forgiven of his or her sins and to receive the awesome gift of God's Holy Spirit (verse 38).