

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – April 2nd-6th
Doing Life Together – Stump Stories pt 10

MONDAY: Psalm 36; Isaiah 42:1-9; Luke 19:45-48

KEY VERSE: Luke 19:47

OBSERVATION: As he entered the outer court of the temple, an amazing scene unfolded. Jesus began to drive out the merchants and the money changers, overturning tables and chairs, all while quoting the Old Testament prophets: “My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers!” It was not the practices themselves that caused Jesus’ outrage, for these services were needed at the temple to ensure the sacrificial laws could be followed. It was the corruption of these practices.

TUESDAY: Psalm 71; Isaiah 49:1-7; John 12:20-36

KEY VERSE: John 12:24

OBSERVATION: Days before Jesus was crucified he taught his disciples that a grain of wheat that dies would yield much fruit. But it has to die first, and surrender its own carefully laid-out plan. Whenever our own plans blow up in our faces, we’re left with the option to spit in the face of God, or to wake up every morning trusting that the same Grace which brought life from death is sufficient to get us through that day.

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 86; Isaiah 50:4-9;

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:1-6

OBSERVATION: Passover had tremendous meaning for the identity and life of Israel; however, at this point in their history, this great feast was particularly meaningful as many saw a parallel between their present situation and that first Passover generation. It was into this world that Jesus came as One greater than Moses to be the true Passover Lamb.

And who, in offering his life as a sacrifice for sin, would address the nation’s (and all humanity’s) real problem and provide a redemption even greater than that of the Exodus - a redemption from the bondage of sin.

THURSDAY: Psalm 102; Isaiah 52:13-15

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:7-65

OBSERVATION: As Jesus and his disciples gathered for their Passover meal, Jesus turned their attention from the past to what he would do to deliver all mankind from the captivity of sin. Jesus presented the bread and cup, inviting his disciples to partake and introducing the new covenant – his body broken and blood shed for them. He was THE Lamb to be sacrificed on their behalf. HIS blood would cover them so their sins would be passed over

FRIDAY: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12

KEY VERSE: Matthew 27:1-56

OBSERVATION: After reading through all that Jesus endured, you might wonder why we call this day “good.” Wouldn’t “Worst Friday Ever” be more fitting? Although this day naturally stirs solemn contemplation, it’s also cause for incomparable celebration. Jesus Christ, the Son of God in human flesh, took on our sins and our sorrows—each one for everyone—and demolished them all with his death...forever!

SATURDAY: Psalm 27; Job 19:21-27a

KEY VERSE: Matthew 27:62-65

OBSERVATION: Death is an inevitable part of life. Everyone deals with it at some point, and we all grieve death in different ways. In the Bible, David unloaded his anguish in poetry and song. Job poured out his heart to his friends in the midst of his trials and many others would tear their clothes and cover themselves in dirt to symbolize their sorrow. But our grief should not define us, our hope does. When we are in the middle of life’s most difficult circumstances, we can always find our hope in the promises of God. He has never failed us because he has never ceased to be who he is. The all-knowing, all-loving Creator of everything has promised us life and eternity in relationship with him.