

THE NEXT 40 DAYS

WEEK 2

DAY 1: READ LUKE 24

The promises of God and prophecies He gives His servants to pronounce are not partially correct. There is no such thing as a partially true promise from God. Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus went through scripture to point out all the many, many things pointing to Him. Jesus was the fulfillment of all scripture. When it comes to the righteous, perfect character of God, there is no partial fulfillment, partial truth, or partial promise, or partial godliness. Thus, it's no coincidence that the promises of God are not partially fulfilled in Jesus. Throughout the Old Testament, we see a consistent image and promise of Jesus. Choose today to dwell on the consistent, perfect promises of our perfect God and risen savior, Jesus.

DAY 2: READ EXODUS 12, JOHN 19:33-36, JOHN 1:29 & JOHN 1:36

What parallels between Jesus' crucifixion and the sacrificial Passover lamb do you see? In the context of Jesus being the fulfillment of the scriptures (our Old Testament), what is the significance of the Romans not breaking Jesus' legs? Take time to appreciate the intricate, small ways Jesus perfectly fulfills scripture.

DAY 3: READ PSALM 34:19-22 & JOHN 19:33-36

Notice the consistency between the sacrificial Passover lamb having unbroken bones and the crucified Jesus? Jesus, though afflicted with torture and death, was resurrected by God. The Lord delivers Jesus out of them all. The promises of the Lord are true and absolute. Praise God for His consistency and for the hope we can have because of His unfailing promises.

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DAY 4: READ EXODUS 8, DEUTERONOMY 9 & LUKE 11:14-23

Look at Exodus 8:19. As the Lord is sending plagues upon Egypt, up until this point, the magicians had somehow been able to manufacture some semblance of each plague. This time, though, the magicians were unable. What do they tell Pharaoh? The same terminology is used by Jesus in Luke. The same power of God to deliver the Israelites from Egypt is the same power of God in Jesus and His ministry. It is the same power which inscribed the original ten commandments to keep His people safe and which Jesus uses to free people from enslavement to demonic forces of sin and wickedness. Even something as seemingly insignificant as a reference to a finger still testifies to Jesus being the perfect fulfillment of scripture.

DAY 5: READ ISAIAH 42:1-4, MATTHEW 12:15-21, ISAIAH 61:1 & LUKE 4:16-21

Our Savior does not act out of happenstance. Our salvation is not the product of some happy accidents or some lull in oscillating chaos. Jesus is intentional and His words, actions, life, death and resurrection have holy, God-given purpose. As we ponder the things happening around us, let's remember the intentionality of our God and His inspired words of the Bible.

DAY 6: READ NUMBERS 21:4-9, ISAIAH 52:13-52:12 & JOHN 3:14-18

See how Jesus fulfills scripture here? What compliments do you see in Isaiah with Jesus? Now imagine if Jesus was not the Son of God, not the Messiah and did not exist. Would Isaiah make any sense at all? Would you see a perfect parallel to anyone else? What does that help you understand about the Gospel?

DAY 7: READ LUKE 24:36-53, PSALM 68:1-20, EPHESIANS 4:7-16, ACTS 1:1-11

Before Jesus leaves the disciples one last time to ascend, He calls them witnesses to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah and the perfect fulfillment of scripture. He tells them they are witnesses of His salvation and are to share the Good News with the whole world. Jesus blesses them and equips them. Their response is continual worship (Luke 24:52-53) and, later, sharing the Gospel everywhere. This is our heritage. Choose to continually worship and glorify the Lord and steward the gifts He's given us through his death and resurrection and the Holy Spirit. Let's not squander the time He's given us. He is returning soon.