

The Birth of the King

Day One – God from the Beginning

Today's reading: Page 309 through break on page 313

This reading covers: Matthew 1; Luke 1-2; John 1

Summary: Though he is God from the beginning, Jesus comes to us by a very humble birth.

Consider this:

The dichotomy of Christ: he is God and was involved in creation. He humbled himself and came to earth as a human baby, frail and subject to all the trials and tribulations we experience. What do you think about this holy God who would humble himself even to the point of death? How does this example humble you so that you can worship him as he deserves?

For further reading: John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17; Luke 1:30-31; Philippians 2:6-8

Prayer:

Read aloud Mary's prayer of praise to God seen in Luke 1:46-55. Use this as your closing prayer.

Day Two – Another King?

Today's reading: Break on page 313 through break on page 315

This reading covers: Matthew 2

Summary: Jesus' birth caused quite a stir in the Roman world.

Consider this:

What are your thoughts about the birth of Jesus Christ. How does this important event affect your salvation? Your walk? Your talk? In what ways did Jesus' birth create a stir in your own life? How did his entrance into your world drastically change your life?

For further reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Galatians 2:20-21

Prayer:

Jesus' coming into my world has changed everything! Thank you for giving me a sense of peace and purpose. Thank you for your strength and presence. I pray I will never be the same! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Three – Jesus as a Boy

Today's reading: Break on page 315 through end of chapter

This reading covers: Luke 2

Summary: The Bible gives us a brief glimpse into Jesus' childhood.

Consider this:

Even as an infant, Jesus had to escape death. His time had not yet come. Then as a young teenager, he separated briefly from his earthly parents in order to do his Father's will. How did Jesus, at this young age, amaze the wise men of Jerusalem? What does this tell you about his divine/human nature?

The Bible tells us that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature. He went on to do and say many amazing things, even working numerous miracles.

For further reading: John 21:24-25

Prayer:

Father, I'm grateful that Jesus experienced all of life from birth to death. Because of this, I know he knows what I'm going through. Thank you for loving me so much. In Jesus' name, Amen.