

A Day By Day Guide

Day by Day Guide for Praying through the New Testament in One Year

As you read each day's passage from the New Testament, spend a few minutes in prayer inspired by the passage and the thoughts below.

Monday, February 9 – Matthew 26:14-46 – As you read the account of The Last Supper, choose to live this with Jesus by joining with Him in this remembrance. Get some bread and a beverage and worship through private communion.

Tuesday, February 10 – Matthew 26:47-68 – Meditate on Jesus' sacrifice. Visualize this scene and realize that humanity did this to God. Ask God to forgive you and thank Him for loving you as part of humanity.

Wednesday, February 11 – Matthew 26:69-27:14 – Put yourself in Peter's place as the denier, the fear-motivated. Know how this must have hurt Jesus' humanity, but know also that Jesus ends up forgiving and accepting. Thank Him for loving you.

Thursday, February 12 – Matthew 27:15-37 – Meditate on the pain that God, in Jesus, went through as He was tortured and beaten by humanity. Pause and let that scene sink in. Know that your sin, as well as that of all humanity, betrayed God in this way. Know that Jesus did this for you because He loves humanity. Write out your thanks to Him.

Friday, February 13 – Matthew 27:38-66 – Meditate on the scene of Jesus' death. Ask God to give you a glimpse into Jesus' heart as it broke because of humanity's rejection of Him. Ask Him to forgive you. Accept His love for you.

Saturday, February 14 – Matthew 28:1-20 – It's Valentine's Day, the day of love. Read the Resurrection as a Valentine's Gift from God to you. Choose to worship God - who could rise from the dead and conquer sin, satan, and death, and do it all for you. Write a love note to God.

Sunday, February 15 – Mark 1:1-28 – Read of Jesus' baptism and ask God what baptism should mean to you personally. If Jesus could be baptized to wash away His old life and begin a new life, what keeps you from doing the same? Ask God what to do.

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