

March 29 / Sunday

Surprise the World: Learn

Read [John 4:1-10, 39-42](#) / [John 1:43-46](#)



30 / Mon – Habit #4 and the weekly challenge | Read [John 20:30-31](#)

Habit #4 is focusing on learning Christ. The challenge is to read one of four gospels to discover *Jesus' nature, character, teachings, and motivation*. Each author wrote to a certain audience for a specific purpose. You can find short video intros for each gospel at [BibleProject.com/explore/](#) and the free Bible app at [YouVersion.com/products/](#) to help you decide. You might consider reading in one sitting the gospel you choose - Mark (90 min), John (2 hr), Matthew & Luke (2.5 hr). Will you accept the challenge? Would it be helpful to do this challenge with a friend?

31 / Tue – Questions, questions | Read [Luke 2:41-46](#)

When you are reading the gospel you chose this week, it's important to stop periodically and ask yourself some questions. That is how you gain insight and have a better understanding of what you read. Try the 5W&H questions: *who, what, when, where why, how?* Don't take anything at face value but try to determine the *why* behind what was said or done. Then ask the most important follow-up questions: why is this important and does it affect my thinking and/or actions?

01 / Wed – Prerequisite | Read [Matthew 11:29](#)

The mission statement of one respected missionary organization is: *to know God and make Him known*. Before you can make Jesus known to those who see your questionable life and start asking, you have to know him well yourself. Repeatedly reading, even 'marinating,' in Jesus' words, and then looking for how they apply to everyday life right now is what will help you give confident, accurate answers. What are some things you've read this week that have intrigued you about Jesus?

02 / Thu – Hearsay | Read [John 4:1-10 and 39-42](#)

This encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at a well looked questionable on many levels. A man would never speak to a woman who was not a relative. And Jews and Samaritans hated each other. It is possible she had *heard* about Jesus and his miracles but it wasn't until this conversation that she came to *know* him. And it changed her life. Literally. So much so, that the townspeople weren't satisfied until they met him too. Do their words echo your experience?

03 / Fri – The why behind it all | Read [Romans 8:28-29](#)

It is a common belief among some Christians that Jesus saved them so they could be happy and live a good life. This seems contrary to God's purpose described in verse 29... "*to be conformed to the image of Jesus*" (transformed inwardly to be like Him). As you cooperate with the work of the Spirit in your life, you will become different in the way you think and act. It's not always an easy process because old habits die hard. But if Jesus is your hero, don't you want to emulate him?

04 / Sat – Look back | Read [Luke 1:1-3](#)

What is one new insight you gained while reading the gospel this week?

Who did you bless/eat with this week and what were the results (Habits 1, 2)?

What did you hear God 'say' to you this week as you listened (Habit 3)?