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| Monday | January 24, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Exodus 7-8; Matthew 17 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Mark 11.

**The Triumphal Entry**

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6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

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**The Fig Tree Withered**

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And His disciples heard it.

**Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

15 So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17 Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ”

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. 19 When evening had come, He went out of the city.

**The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree**

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.”

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

**Forgiveness and Prayer**

25 “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

**Jesus’ Authority Questioned**

27 Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. 28 And they said to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?”

29 But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: 30 The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.”

31 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 32 But if we say, ‘From men’ ”—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. 33 So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.”

And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

3. Write your takeaways from Sunday’s message.

4. Read Mark 11:9-10. Where did the words of the crowd come from?

(where in scripture)

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5. Over the years i have heard many statements about worship and many times they sound something like this, “I worship God the way I feel is right. I don’t have to raise my hand or anything like that I just worship Him the way I feel is right.”

What is the problem with this approach?

6-7. It is important that we praise God the way He wants to be praised. Today and tomorrow you are to look up as many scripture as you can on worship and then very briefly describe what the scripture is discussing.

For example:

Psalm 100:2

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

We are to come into the presence of the Lord with singing.

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| Tuesday | January 25, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Exodus 9-10; Matthew 18:1-20 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Mark 11.

3. It is important that we praise God the way He wants to be praised. Finish looking up scripture on worship and then very briefly describe what the scripture is discussing.

4. Describe you worship. Do you sing? Do you move? Do you raise your hands? Are you a statue? Are you a mover?

5. Why do you worship the way you do?

6. When do you worship the Lord? Is Sunday morning the only time you worship God?

7. What must determine the way you worship?

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| Wednesday | January 26, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Exodus 11-12; Matthew 18:21-35 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Mark 11.

3. Prepare your takeaways for discussion. Be pointed and purposeful in what you desire to say. Remember several people would like to speak so work on what you want to say. Write it down. You are not being asked to discuss everything you write down from your takeaways. You are being asked to discuss something the Lord used to speak to you clearly. Share what God leads you to share. Be confident to share as He leads you, as it will impact others and perhaps open their eyes to clarity and strength. With that said let us be efficient in our delivery and purposeful in what we say. Let us be prepared. God anoints preparation….BE PREPARED!

4. Read John 4:23-24, But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” What is happening when these words are spoken? What is the setting of this verse? Discuss it in detail.

5. What does Jesus tell the women at the well regarding who He is?

6. How did the women know about the coming Messiah?

7. We are rapidly becoming a nation that does not know the name of Jesus. Why? Do you think our nation has any concern regarding the second coming of or Lord? Why or why not?

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| Thursday | January 27, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Exodus 13-15; Matthew 19:1-15 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Mark 11.

3. What do the following scriptures say about worship?

1. Hosea 14:2
2. Psalm 100:2
3. Psalm 59:16
4. Psalm 134:2
5. Psalm 95:11
6. 1 Chronicles 16:34
7. 1 Chronicles 16:9
8. Psalm 63:3-4
9. Psalm 143:6
10. Psalm 95:6
11. Psalm 29:2
12. Psalm 100:4
13. Psalm 95:1
14. Matthew 2:11
15. John 4:23-24
16. Psalm 150:1-6
17. Psalm 66:4
18. Psalm 86:9
19. 2 Samuel 6:14
20. Romans 12:1
21. Hebrews 12:28-29
22. Psalm 150:6
23. Psalm 71:8
24. Psalm 105:1
25. Psalm 66:17
26. Luke 19:37-40

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| Friday | January 28, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Exodus 16-18; Matthew 19:16-30 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

Fun Friday

Names of God in the Bible?

What do they mean where do we find them.

Jehovah Jireh: The LORD our provider (Genesis 22:14)

Jehovah Rapha: The LORD our Healer (Exodus 15:26)

Jehovah Nissi: The LORD our Banner (Exodus 17:15)

Jehovah Shalom: The LORD our Peace (Judges 6:24)

Jehovah Raah: The LORD our Shepherd (Psalms 23:1)

Jehovah Tsidkenu: The LORD our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)

Jehovah Shammah: The LORD is Here (Ezekiel 48:35)

Abba Father: 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” (Romans 8:15).

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” (Revelation 22:13)

El Roi: "The God who sees me" - used by Hagar in Genesis 16.

Elohim: Elohim is the Hebrew word for God that appears in the very first sentence of the Bible. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." It literally says, "In the beginning Elohim, Elohim created the heaven and the earth." The term "Elohim" means “supreme one” or “mighty one”.

El Elyon: El Elyon, LORD Most High Psalm 57:2 says, “I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me.”

Wonderful Counselor. Mighty God. Everlasting Father. Prince of Peace:

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6).

Immanuel: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14).

Lion of Judah: "Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals" (Revelation 5:5).

El-Shaddai, God Almighty: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai —‘God Almighty.’ Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life (Genesis 17:1)

The Good Shepherd: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11).

Physician: But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.” (Matthew 9:12).

I am, Lord

The earliest place in Scripture where God gives us his name is found in Exodus 3:13-15, in response to Moses asking who he should tell the Israelites who has sent him:

13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” 15 Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’

(Exodus 3:13-15)

I am the Lord, that is My name;

And My glory I will not give to another,

Nor My praise to carved images. (Isaiah 42:8).

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| Saturday | January 29, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Exodus 19-21; Matthew 20:1-16 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

3. List the twelve tribes of Israel.

4. What books of the Bible are considered the Pentateuch?

5. What books are considered Gospel accounts?

6. Write the books of the Bible in order.

7. Pray for service tomorrow. Be ready to recite the memory verse for this week. Pray for your pastor. Pray for your church family. Pray for all who volunteer each and every week. Walk worthy of the calling today! Talk with someone about your preparation this week! Write the mission statement of theway church.

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3. Pray for the service today.

4. Say the memory verse for the month to someone in your family.

5. Recite the mission statement of theway church to someone this morning.

6. Listen to praise and worship music on the way to church.

7. ATTEND SERVICE TODAY WITH A HEART OF JOY!

Answers to Fun Friday

16. What son of Gideon was proclaimed king in Shechem?

Abimelech (Judges 9:6)

17. What king of the Amalekites was captured by Saul and cut into pieces by Samuel?

Agag (1 Samuel 5:8; 32)

18. What much-married king is considered the author of the Song of Songs?

Solomon (Song of Solomon 1:1)

19. What Philistine king did David seek refuge with when he fled from Saul?

Achish of Gath (1 Samuel 21:10)

20. What shepherd boy the youngest of 8 sons was anointed by Samuel in front of his brothers?

David (1 Samuel 16:6-13)

21. What king wanted to see miracles when the arrested Jesus was sent to him?

Herod (Luke 23:8)

22. What king of Tyre sent cedar logs and craftsmen to King David?

Hiram (2 Samuel 5:11)

23. What prophet had a vision of a time when the Lord would gather the kings of the earth together and put them all in a pit?

Isaiah (24:21-22)

24. What man, David’s oldest son, tried to make himself king of Israel?

Adonijah (1 Kings 1:5-53)

25. What wise king made an alliance with Egypt when he married the pharaoh’s daughter?

Solomon (1 Kings 3:1)