



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 35-36 | READINGS 103-108

September 1-14

## 103. JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE—Mark 11:15-19

WEEK 35 | Sept 1-7

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Is there ever a time when it is OK to be angry with someone?
- ◆ Worship and prayer are very important to Jesus. What does this mean for our attitude towards worship and prayer?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, clear our minds when we read Your Word, when we pray, and when we are in worship, so we can listen to Your wonderful promises. Amen.*

## 104. THE WIDOW'S OFFERING—Mark 12:41-44

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Why does giving reflect our priorities?
- ◆ Name some ways we are dependent on God for everything. Check out Luther's Small Catechism, a read the section on the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

*Prayer: Gracious Father, make us mindful that all we have is from Your hands. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

## 105. THE LORD'S SUPPER—Matthew 26:17-35 (Also Mark 14:12-25 & Luke 22:7-23)

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What do you think it would have been like to eat supper with Jesus?
- ◆ Why is it important to know and believe that the body and blood of Jesus is given to us in the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper?

*Prayer: Dear Lord, so often we betray You in thought, words, and actions. Thank You for Your mercy, shown to us in Jesus Christ, who offers and gives forgiveness for all who trust in You. Amen.*

## 106. JESUS IN THE GARDEN—Luke 22:39-46 (Also Matt. 26:36-46 & Mk. 14:32-42)

WEEK 36 | Sept 8-14

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Tell about a time you had to do something you really didn't want to do. What did Jesus not want to do?
- ◆ During this time of great stress, what did Jesus do?

*Prayer: Jesus, You suffered so much to make us right with our Heavenly Father. We thank You for Your constant love and mercy, which covers all our sins. Give me courage and strength to pray in hard times so I'll be ready to do what You want me to. Amen.*

## 107. JESUS IS ARRESTED—John 18:1-14 (Also Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53)

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What would you do/of have done if someone did something really mean to you?
- ◆ Jesus tells us to "love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). Name some way Jesus did this. How can we do this as well?

*Prayer: Jesus, it hurt You when Judas betrayed You. But You still loved him and wanted to forgive him. Teach me to love like You. Amen.*

## 108. PETER DENIES JESUS—Mark 14:53-54, 66-72 (Also Matt. 26:69-75; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27)

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ When do you find it difficult to stand up for the Christian faith?
- ◆ Peter denied Jesus 3 times, yet became a powerful leader of the Church. How was he able to overcome his failures?

*Prayer: Lord, help me to stand strong in my faith when times are tough. Keep me firm in my trust in You through everything I face. Amen.*



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WEEK 37-38 | READINGS 109-114

September 15-28

**109. JESUS JEWISH TRIAL**—Matthew 26:57-68 (Also Mk. 14:53-65, 15:1-5; Lk. 22:63-71; Jn. 18:19-24)

WEEK 37 | Sept 15-21

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ How does it feel to be blamed for doing something you didn't do?
- ◆ Jesus wasn't the Messiah most people thought He would be. How does Jesus respond to the charges brought against Him?

*Prayer: Jesus, You were ready to go to the cross to save. Thanks for going to the cross for me so I never have to. Amen.*

**110. JESUS BEFORE PILATE**—John 18:28-19:16 (Also Matt. 27:11-26; Mk. 15:1-20; Lk. 23:1-25)

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jesus didn't defend Himself. Why did He stay silent?
- ◆ Jesus was convicted and sentenced to death for being a king by Pilate. How is Jesus a king? What is He king of? List some things Jesus wore or held during His trial that a king would wear or hold (Hint: Read John 19:2-3 & Mark 15:16-20)

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, You told Pilate about the kingdom of heaven so that he might believe and be saved. Give me and all Christians the courage to speak of You to others so they might believe and be saved. I am forever grateful to You for what You've done. Amen.*

**111. THE CRUCIFIXION**—John 19:16-37 (Also Matt. 27:27-56; Mk. 15:16-41; Lk. 23:26-49)

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished". What is finished? What does that mean for you?
- ◆ The Temple curtain was torn in 2 when Jesus died letting us know we now have access to God the Father through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus. We can now talk with directly. Write down some things you want to talk to God about and then talk to Him!

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You lived the life we were to live and died the death for sin we deserved. Thank You for Your mercy, which is new every morning. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

**112. JESUS IS BURIED**—Matthew 27:57-66 (Also Mk. 15:42-47; Lk. 23:50-56; Jn. 19:38-42)

WEEK 38 | Sept. 22-28

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why is it sad when someone dies?
- ◆ Who buried Jesus? Do you think they believed He would rise from the dead? Why or why not?

*Prayer: Lord God, thank You for sending Joseph & Nicodemus to take care of Jesus' body. Remind us that You will take care of us through life and even after we die until Jesus returns and raises our bodies and makes them perfect in glory forever. Amen.*

**113. THE RESURRECTION**—Matthew 28:1-15 (Also Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-12; Jn. 20:1-18)

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ The women's sorrowful conversation soon turned to a joyous one. What might those conversations been like?
- ◆ Jesus talked about His death and resurrection often. Why do you think the disciples were surprised at Jesus' resurrection?
- ◆ Why do you think the Jewish leaders tried to cover up Jesus' resurrection (Re-read Matt. 28:11-15)?

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, sin, death, and devil couldn't hold You down. You rose triumphant and You gave that victory to us. Thank You! Amen.*

**114. JESUS APPEARS ON THE EMMAUS ROAD**—Luke 24:13-35

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ The disciples said, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?". Why did they have this reaction?
- ◆ How can the news of Jesus' resurrection give you hope and joy, whether in good times or in bad?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You give us hope even when there seems nothing but despair. Cause our hearts to burn at hearing Your Word so we may be bold witnesses of the hope that You give us through Your resurrection. In Your name we pray. Amen.*



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WEEK 39 | READINGS 115-117

Sept. 29-Oct. 5

**115. JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES**—Luke 24:36-49

WEEK 39 | Sept. 29-Oct. 5

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Would you be scared if Jesus suddenly appeared in the room right now? Why or why not?
- ◆ How did Jesus calm His disciples down? How did He explain to them all that had happened? What did He want them to do next?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for coming to earth to suffer and die to save us from our sins. Thank You also for rising on the third day. Make me bold and fill me with joy so I share this Good News every chance I get. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

**116. JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS**—John 20:19-31

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why did Thomas not believe the other disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead? How did Thomas react when He saw Jesus?
- ◆ John 20:30-31 tells us why this Gospel was written. What does it mean that “You have life in his [Jesus’] name”? How does this help you understand Jesus’ words, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed”?

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your Word, which creates and sustains faith in Your promises. Help me to always keep close to Your gracious Word and promises that I may never let them go, and so have life in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

**117. JESUS RESTORES PETER**—John 21:1-19

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Why did Jesus restore and forgive him now? How many times did Jesus forgive Peter? Why?
- ◆ Jesus told Peter to “feed My sheep”. What does Jesus want Peter to do? How is Jesus feeding His sheep today?

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, there is no sin so large that You can’t forgive. Remind me again and again of Your mercy and use me to connect others to You. In Your name we pray, Amen.*