



February 14, 2018

In 2018, for the Lent season, Joel 2:12-14 will be used to reflect and meditate on, this is also the scripture to be used as a memory passage. In summary, this scripture is about renting our hearts as we intentionally return to God in life and service. If you are not able to do anything else please read through the Gospel Reading Plan. You can secure a copy in the church office or provide your email to receive a copy.

Specific activities that will take place during Lent are as follows:

- Daily 5:00am individual prayer
- Beginning Monday, February 19, 2018 a 5:00am corporate conference call prayer (call in number 712-775-7270; access code 601970)
- Daily scripture reading (reading plan attached)
- Daily pastoral devotional messages
- Corporate prayer fellowship on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's at 7:00pm (Feb 21; March 14, March 21)

The congregation is called to a corporate fast; however, the structure of the fast is left to the dictates of the conscious of individuals as to what will be offered as a sacrifice (Psalm 116:12). Pastor will be eating one daily meal before sun down, and then just water until sunrise. If you choose to participate in a food fast, please check with your physician to get permission and to see what parameters may need to be considered. Others may choose to fast Monday through Saturday and have a break on Sunday; since each Sunday is the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

I am praying for and with you. May God receive all the glory. Amen and Shalom.

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## 40 days through the Gospels at Lent

"LENT" comes from the Old English word for Spring, and it is a period of 40 days before Easter, excluding Sundays. Lent is a time to reflect on what God has done for you and me. The LENTEN season reminds us that we are mortal, and that our future lies completely in the hands of the God who created us.

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday with the tradition (not a requirement) of putting ashes on the forehead in the form of a cross as a sign of our sinfulness (the ashes usually come from the dried and burned palms from Palm Sunday the year before). Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and Jonah are all Old Testament prophets who talk about wearing ashes as a sign of our sinfulness, and Jesus also mentions it as a fitting sign of repentance. The ashes are a sign of humility and recognition of your own sin.

In an effort to identify with special 40 day biblical periods in the Bible, many early Christians decided to "fast" -- that is, they give up one or more things in their lives as a sacrifice to God for the 40 days leading up to Easter.

This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels during the Lent season. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection?

DATE	Day	Today's Scripture Reading
2/14/18	Wednesday, Day 1	Matthew 1-3
2/15/18	Thursday, Day 2	Matthew 4-6
2/16/18	Friday, Day 3	Matthew 7-9
2/17/18	Saturday, Day 4	Matthew 10-Matthew 12
2/18/18	Sunday	Take a Break
2/19/18	Monday, Day 5	Matthew 13-Matthew 14
2/20/18	Tuesday, Day 6	Matthew 15-Matthew 16
2/21/18	Wednesday, Day 7	Matthew 17-Matthew 18
2/22/18	Thursday, Day 8	Matthew 19-Matthew 20
2/23/18	Friday, Day 9	Matthew 21-Matthew 22
2/24/18	Saturday, Day 10	Matthew 23-Matthew 24
2/25/18	Sunday	Take a Break
2/26/18	Monday, Day 11	Matthew 25-Matthew 26
2/27/18	Tuesday, Day 12	Matthew 27-Matthew 28
2/28/18	Wednesday, Day 13	Mark 1-Mark 3
3/1/18	Thursday, Day 14	Mark 4-Mark 6
3/2/18	Friday, Day 15	Mark 7-Mark 9
3/3/18	Saturday, Day 16	Mark 10-Mark 12
3/4/18	Sunday	Take a Break
3/5/18	Monday, Day 17	Mark 13-Mark 14
3/6/18	Tuesday, Day 18	Mark 15-Mark 16
3/7/18	Wednesday, Day 19	Luke 1-Luke 3
3/8/18	Thursday, Day 20	Luke 4-Luke 6

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3/9/18	Friday, Day 21	Luke 7-Luke 9
3/10/18	Saturday, Day 22	Luke 10-Luke 12
3/11/18	Sunday	Take a Break
3/12/18	Monday, Day 23	Luke 13-Luke 14
3/13/18	Tuesday, Day 24	Luke 15-Luke 16
3/14/18	Wednesday, Day 25	Luke 17-Luke 18
3/15/18	Thursday, Day 26	Luke 19-Luke 20
3/16/18	Friday, Day 27	Luke 21-Luke 22
3/17/18	Saturday, Day 28	Luke 23-Luke 24
3/18/18	Sunday	Take a Break
3/19/18	Monday, Day 29	John 1-John 2
3/20/18	Tuesday, Day 30	John 3-John 4
3/21/18	Wednesday, Day 31	John 5-John 6
3/22/18	Thursday, Day 32	John 7-John 8
3/23/18	Friday, Day 33	John 9-John 10
3/24/18	Saturday, Day 34	John 11-John 12
3/25/18	Sunday	Take a Break
3/26/18	Monday, Day 35	John 13-John 14
3/27/18	Tuesday, Day 36	John 15-John 16
3/28/18	Wednesday, Day 37	John 17-John 18
3/29/18	Thursday, Day 38	John 19-John 20
3/30/18	Friday, Day 39	John 21
3/31/18	Saturday, Day 40	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Acts 1:1-11
4/1/18	Sunday	Celebrate, it's Easter!

# 40 Days in the 4 Gospels

## “REAPS” Bible Study

### READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to teach, rebuke, correct, and train you (2 Timothy 3:16). As you’re reading, ask these questions:

- What is happening in this passage? What things are emphasized, repeated, related?
- What do you see about Jesus? What do you see about man?
- Who is the author and what is the context that surrounds this passage?



### EXAMINE

Spend some time reflecting. Ask yourself these questions, and write down your thoughts:

- How do you think the author wants his audience to respond?
- What do you learn about God’s character?
- What wrong beliefs about God and/or about yourself did you have?

### APPLY

After examining the passage, apply the text to your own life. Ask yourself these questions:

- What truths do I need to believe? How am I encouraged?
- How do I need to repent? What false beliefs must I turn from?
- What can I do – empowered by the Holy Spirit – today to apply this passage?

### PRAY

Pray through the passage and your application, asking God to change your heart, mind, and life according to what He has revealed to you through His Word.

### SHARE

After you finish, share what God taught you with at least one person—your roommate, your spouse, your kids, or your coworkers. Don’t keep what God taught you to yourself.

Day	Passage	Day	Passage	Day	Passage
1	Matthew 1-2	15	Mark 6-7	29	Luke 22-24
2	Matthew 3-4	16	Mark 8-10	30	John 1-2
3	Matthew 5-7	17	Mark 11-13	31	John 3-4
4	Matthew 8-9	18	Mark 14-16	32	John 5-6
5	Matthew 10-12	19	Luke 1-2	33	John 7-8
6	Matthew 13-14	20	Luke 3-4	34	John 9-10
7	Matthew 15-16	21	Luke 5-6	35	John 11-12
8	Matthew 17-18	22	Luke 7	36	John 13-14
9	Matthew 19-20	23	Luke 8-9	37	John 15-16
10	Matthew 21-23	24	Luke 10-11	38	John 17
11	Matthew 24-25	25	Luke 12-13	39	John 18-19
12	Matthew 26-28	26	Luke 14-16	40	John 20-21
13	Mark 1-3	27	Luke 17-19		
14	Mark 4-5	28	Luke 20-21		