"THE BLUE SHEET" Journey in the Word 2023 61st Edition: Apr 10 – June 25 Easter – Pentecost Plus

Welcome to the 61st edition of "The Blue Sheet Readings!" This edition will take us through the Easter season, into Pentecost, and beyond until the last Sunday of June.

This edition is like previous editions in that on Sundays we follow the Revised Common Lectionary Year A. These are incredible readings, along with many believers around the world who will be reading them as well.

This edition will take us through the incredible Gospel of John. I just sense that over these next several weeks, we need to focus on Jesus and the deeper theological meanings reflected through John's Gospel. Please spend time working your way slowly though this Gospel. Underline, make observations, ask questions of the text, open yourself to the work of the Spirit in and through the text.

A good resource would be the New Beacon Bible Commentary on John (2 volumes) through The Foundry Publishing Company. You can order through this John Volume 1 1-12 and the second is John 13-21 Vol 2 Another resource would be John Small Group Bible Study Guide as well as the Downloadable Bible Study Guide These are good resources to have available as you work your way through the Gospel of John.

As always, please share your discoveries with others, for as you know, the Scriptures are written to be read and lived within community. Enjoy spending time in the Word this season and we pray that the Word will spend time in you! Thanks for being a part of this journey – pk!

APRIL

Apr 10 – Luke 24:13-35 Apr 11 – Luke 24:36-49 Apr 12 – John 20:19-31 Apr 13 – John 21:1-14 Apr 14 – John 21:15-26 Apr 15 – Luke 24:50-53 & Matt 28:16-20 Apr 16 – Acts 2:14a,21-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 Apr 17 – John 1:1-18 Apr 18 – John 1:19-28 Apr 19 – John 1:29-34 Apr 20 – John 1:35-42 Apr 21 – John 1:43-51 Apr 22 – John 2:1-11 Apr 23 - Acts 2:14a,36-41; Ps. 116:1-4,12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35 Apr 24 – John 2:12-25 Apr 25 – John 3:1-21 Apr 26 – John 3:22-36 Apr 27 – John 4:1-42 Apr 28 – John 4:43-54 Apr 29 – John 5:1-15 Apr 30 – Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10 MAY May 1 – John 5:16-47 May 2 – John 6:1-15 May 3 – John 6:16-24 May 4 – John 6:25-71 May 5 – John 7:1-13 May 6 – John 7:14-36 May 7 - Acts 7:55-60; Ps. 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14 May 8 John 7:37-53 May 9 – John 8:1-11 May 10 – John 8:12-30 May 11 – John 8:31-59 May 12 – John 9:1-34 May 13 – John 9:35-41 May 14 - Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-22; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21 May 15 – John 10:1-21 May 16 – John 10:22-39 May 17 – John 10:40-42 May 18 – John 11:1-16 May 19 – John 11:17-37 May 20 – John 11:38-44 May 21 - Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10,32-35 1 Peter 412-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11 May 22 – John 11:45-57 May 23 – John 12:1-11 May 24 – John 12:12-19 May 25 – John 12:20-36 May 26 - John 12:37-50 May 27 – Numbers 11:24-30 May 28 – Acts 1:1-21; Ps. 104:24-34,35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

May 29 – John 13:1-17 May 30 - John 13:18-30 May 31 – John 13:31-38 JUNE June 1 – John 14:1-14 June 2 – John 14:15-31 June 3 – John 15:1-17 June 4 – Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Mt. 28:16-20 June 5 – John 15:18-16:4 June 6 – John 16:5-16 June 7 – John 16:17-33 June 8 – John 17:1-5 June 9 – John 17:6-19 June 10 – John 17:20-26 June 11 – Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13,18-26 June 12 – John 18:1-27 June 13 – John 18:28-40 June 14 – John 19:1-27 June 15 – John 19:28-37 June 16 – John 19:38-42 June 17 – John 20:1-18 June 18 – Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35-10:8 June 19 - John 20:19-23 June 20 – John 20:24-37 June 21 – John 21:1-14 June 22 – John 21:15-25 June 23 – Psalm 103 June 24 – Psalm 145 June 25 - Genesis 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10,16-17 Rom. 6:1b-11; Mt. 10:24-29

Some Suggestions

- ~ Find a quiet place
- ~ Try to find a consistent time
- ~ Pick up a journal or composition notebook as a companion to your readings
- Write down one verse (or more than one) that stands out to you from each reading with the date of that reading
- ~ Share at least one verse with at least one person during the week
- ~ If you miss a day, don't go back, start with the current date
- ~ Enjoy the journey
- ~ Whatever you do, don't give up!
- ~ For a great challenge, read these passages from a different translation than the one you normally read from.

RACK PRINCIPLE

Stay in the Word – <u>R</u>ead Stand on the Word – <u>Apply</u> – journal/notes Share from the Word – <u>Confirm</u> – others Strength through the Word – <u>K</u>now God in a deeper way