

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of February 16, 2025
"Come Unto Me"

PETER

SundayRead John 14:25-32

"Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I." In this portion of Scripture, Jesus is talking to Peter about His departure from earth and then His return. The Bible mentions two appearances of Jesus to planet earth. The first is to be the Lamb of God to pay the penalty of sin and provide people with the gift of eternal life as mentioned in Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* The second coming of our Lord is to become the King of kings and rule planet earth from the throne of David in Jerusalem. All those who come to Jesus and profess Him as Savior will be part of that kingdom!

JOHN

MondayRead John 1:35-39

"He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour." John and a couple of the disciples were walking one day and they saw Jesus coming. Noticing Jesus, John said *"Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world."* After Jesus opened up a conversation with the men, one of them finally asked Him where He lived. The response of Jesus was *"Come and see."* They followed Jesus to His place of residence and what a visit it must have been; life-changing for sure! We can learn many things from this example of Jesus. These three words He used are a great lesson for all of us in carrying out our responsibilities as ambassadors of Christ. They are words in the vocabulary of all believers no matter the level of spiritual growth they are in: *"Come and see."* The men responded and it was life-changing. Those words of invitation are appropriate for all of us in inviting people to God's house. The results could be life-changing for those who respond. They may meet the Savior and become His followers!

MOSES

TuesdayRead Exodus 14:7-9

"And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmuring." The Israelites had been freed from their bondage in Egypt and headed toward the Promised land. But the trip was not without trials. They needed food, and apparently had run out of what they might have brought with them. That was no problem for God, the Creator of all things. As believers, we have the promise of Philippians 4:19: *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* Moses asked Aaron his brother, whom God had assigned to

be his spokesman, to call out to God, who had heard their complaining. Moses went to God with the need, and God responded. He sent manna from heaven, and the people had plenty. God takes care of His people!

DISCIPLES

Wednesday Read Mark 6:30-33

"And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while. For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat." In our Bible reading for today, Jesus emphasized the importance of taking a break from our duties to rest. That time off restores energy; without it, people become less efficient in their duties. There is a limit to what people can do when putting in hours and hours of work without a break. To come away and rest actually results in more accomplished than working continuously! To be effective in ministry, it is good to follow the teaching of our Lord. The rest should not be overdone however; because complacency is also a danger. The hours we put in should be sufficient; but the time apart should be refreshing!

DAVID

Thursday Read Psalm 9:5-6

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." One of the greatest examples of faith in God is that demonstrated by David when the Israelites were up against the most formidable of enemies. The battle against the powerful Philistines seemed a lost cause when the giant Goliath issued the challenge for a man to come forth. Young David had come to check on his older brothers and heard the challenge. He volunteered to go up against the giant. His faith in God gave him the courage to do what seemed to be impossible! God responded and gave David one of the greatest victories in the history of mankind. With one stone and a sling shot, David won the battle!

PAUL

Friday Read I Timothy 1:12-15

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." In today's Bible reading, we see Paul making reference to Jesus about taking His own advice about coming to people. Jesus left His home in heaven to come to a sin-cursed earth. He came because of God's love for the people in the world. Man had been deceived by Satan, the enemy of God. God, however, did not give up on man. His love for humanity caused Him to send His Son to be a perfect human being to pay the penalty of sin on their behalf. Realizing that, Paul devoted His life to sharing the message of salvation with all that

He could. He turned from an adversary of Jesus into one of the church's greatest messengers!

THE PROPHET

Saturday Read Revelation 4:1-5

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." The final command of our Lord to come unto Him in this verse of Scripture which closes out the Church Age in which we are now living. The first few chapters of the final book of the Bible speak of the Church Age. The fourth chapter begins with the words "Come up." Does that not sound like the call of Christians to join with Jesus who appeared in the air to call His followers home to heaven? Oh, what a day that will be! Are you ready?