

## LIFE OF JESUS READING PLAN

Our Video Devos are on summer break until Labor Day. Instead, join as we read through the life of Christ! Download the bookmark with daily readings at [tlc.org/LifeOfJesus](http://tlc.org/LifeOfJesus) or pick one up at the Info desk. This week's readings:

**Reading 20:** Matthew 7 – Take a moment to think about your thoughts and actions over the last day. Have you applied verse 24 by being a hearer of God's word and putting it into practice?

**Reading 21:** Luke 7:1-17 – What about the centurion's faith encourages you today?

**Reading 22:** Mark 6:17-29 – This is a hard story to read. Obviously the consequences of peer pressure were huge in this situation (v 26). How have you felt peer pressure in your life lately.

**Reading 23:** Matthew 13:1-23 – How can you ensure that you are a person who is ready to hear the word?

**Reading 24:** Matthew 13:24-53 – How has your faith been like a treasure for you?



**HOPE BEYOND DEATH**

**JULY 1 & 2 | RENÉ SCHLAEPFER**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, so that you do not grieve like those who have no hope.  
1 Thessalonians 4:13



## THREE FACTS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN TIMES OF GRIEF

### 1. Reflect on the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 1 Thess. 4:14

And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thess. 4:17b

### 2. Renew my hope in Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until **the coming of the Lord**, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For **the Lord himself will come down from heaven**, with a **loud command**, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God... 1 Thess. 4:15-16a

### 3. Realize I'll be \_\_\_\_\_

...and **the dead in Christ will rise first**. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air... 1 Thess. 4:16b-17

## HOW DO I RESPOND TO ALL THIS?

### • Don't \_\_\_\_\_

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 1 Thess. 5:1,2

### • Do \_\_\_\_\_

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 1 Thess. 4:3,4

You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 1 Thess. 5-8

### • Do stay \_\_\_\_\_

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thess. 4:9-11

## RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY

*Heaven*, Randy Alcorn (Studies every single verse in the Bible about heaven and the afterlife)

*Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*, NT Wright