JESUS AS A RIDDLE LUKE: JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS







Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

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We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call 613.235.0596. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca.

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Jeremy Giles Rector

Amy van Hemmen Administrative Manager

Jeremiah Smith Worship Leader

Ministry Intern

Daniel Gilman Ministry Intern

Wardens Dick Butler Gary Graber John Rayson Shannon Ripley Karl Ruban Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update at February 28:

Target Offering: \$53,666 Actual Offering: \$35,737

St Joe's Easter Bin

We invite you to bring warm clothing and non-perishable food to donate to St. Joe's Supper Table. The bin is located by the Besserer door. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Bible Reading: Part 4

Dear friends,

Can you easily read the Bible through in a year? Once you have developed your Bible reading habit, this is a great goal to have read the Bible through once-a-year, every year. In my Bible, if I read three pages a day, I would have read almost the entire Bible in a year (27 days over the year I would have to read an extra page).

As I have said before, it is best to mix-up your daily reading. Most people find it hard to start with Genesis 1 and read straight through to Revelation 22. However, maybe you are an exception and you like the idea of just using a bookmark and starting at "the beginning" and going to the end. If this works for you, then you should do this!

Please not that on one hand the Bible is "one book" in that Christians believe that God is the ultimate author of the Bible. On the other hand, the "one Bible" is made up of 66 different books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The two testaments are written in order, but the books within the testaments are not placed in such an order that you have to read the books in that order. The Bible is not like "the Lord of the Rings" where you need to read the six books in order. So there is no Biblical reason why you have to read the 66 books that make up the Bible in any particular order.

There are many Bible reading plans that will take you through the Bible in one year. YouVersion is a great place to go find many different one year Bible reading plans. As long as you can connect to the internet, you can use your phone or computer to read the Bible version of your choice following the one year Bible reading plan of your choice. YouVersion will help you keep track of the readings for your day.

For those of us who still like paper and books that you can hold in your hand, there are a variety of "One Year Bibles" available. These Bibles are organized so that you begin at the beginning and read a certain amount of pages everyday. However, in each day's reading, you will have a selection from: Psalms, Proverbs, something else in the Old Testament, and the New Testament. Many people find these Bibles very helpful and the only way they can read the Bible through in a year.

George +

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) If I wait until I have enough money to be generous, I will never be generous.
- 2) I will become a truly generous person to the glory of God.
- 3) A generous response is always an option.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading.

Dear Lord, please give me a hunger to know You by knowing Your word written. I thank you, Heavenly Father, that You always have more to teach me in Your word written. Please pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me as I daily ready Your word written. Please make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the biblical gospel, who lives for Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

"But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son? For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." Luke 20: 41-43

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

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Getting to know me.

Who is/was taller, you or your parents?

Getting into the Bible.

Please remember to pray for God's help and wisdom as you read His word.

- 1) Read Luke 20: 40 21:4.
- 2) Read 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15; Philippians 2: 1-13.

Getting real.

Has God brought something home to you? Has He convicted you in some way? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / MAR 24 Messiah Prayer Meeting

7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group) 7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group 7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / MAR 25 Church on Wednesday

7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / MAR 26 Church on Thursday

5:00pm @ Algonquin Visit churchonthursday.ca for details.

FRI / MAR 27 Revive Youth!

7:00pm @ Ecole Sainte-Anne / 340 York St.

Men's Group

8:15 pm @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.

WED / APR 1 Jericho Road Coffeehouse

7:00pm @ St. Paul's United / 473 Cumberland St. Food prep and volunteers needed.

Email info@messiahchurch.ca to get involved!

FRI / APR 3 Good Friday Services

9:30 am @ OLT - Children's service 10:30 am@ OLT - Good Friday service

SUN / APR 5 Easter Sunday

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Quiet & Contemplative Easter Service @ 8:00am Contemporary & Lively Easter Service @ 10:00am

SAT / APR 18 Women's Breakfast

9:30 am @ The Bible House /315 Lisgar Sign up sheet available at the coffee bar after the service or sign up by email: shirley@messiahchurch.ca