

JESUS ON TURNING AWAY FROM THE TRUTH  
LUKE : JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS

**First Reading**  
1 Thess. 4:1-8

**The Gospel**  
Luke 20:1-19

\*Free Bibles available on  
stage near Besserer door.



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

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**LENT II**

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## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at [messiahchurch.ca](http://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

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### **Giving**

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](http://messiahchurch.ca/give) to donate online via CanadaHelps.

## BIBLE READING

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Dear friends,

Have you ever read all of the Bible? If not, what is stopping you? A follower of Jesus should read the Bible every day. We should also read all of the Bible - and then read all of the Bible again and again and again. Here are a few pointers. Today I will mainly provide help for those beginning to read the Bible. Next week I will give further advice on your "whole Bible" project.

First of all, find a translation of the Bible that you will actually read. Please note, people will often tell you about "the best" translation or the translation that you need to use. My point is a bit different. Bible translations are written for different reading levels. As well, some translations are designed for a smooth sentence structure that is easy to read and other translations are more concerned with word-for-word accuracy. So go to a webpage like Bible Gateway, where you can sample many versions of the Bible. Try reading Mark 1 in different versions and see which version feels best for you. On one level, the best translation of the Bible is the one you will actually read.

Second, start reading the gospels. Never start reading the Bible from the beginning - Genesis 1. The problem with beginning with Genesis is that you will quickly get to genealogies and laws and other parts of the Bible which most Canadians find hard to read. So start with the four gospels - begin to develop your Bible reading habit there. Jesus is the key to understanding the Bible anyway, so you should get deeply familiar with the four accounts of His life. After you have read all four gospels, read them again. You want to develop and deepen the habit of Bible reading.

Third, begin with the goal of reading a chapter a day. Start with Mark or Matthew, because the first chapters of Luke and John are long and you might get discouraged. Just use a book mark to mark your place.

Fourth, do not let the devil trick you into thinking you need to "make up" for days you did not read the Bible. If you miss a couple of days and then return to reading - still read only one chapter.

Fifth, try to pray before or after or before-and-after you read the Bible. Ask God to help you understand His word and apply it to your life.

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) I was made to know and love the truth.
- 2) I must never flatter myself that God cannot be justly angry.
- 3) If Christianity is merely human, we should pay no attention to it.

**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 God, please heal and renew my mind so that I will seek the truth, believe the truth and love the truth. You are true. Please heal and renew my conscience so that I will seek the good, believe the good and love the good. You are good. I ask this in the name of my Saviour Jesus, who is the way and the truth and the life. Amen.

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

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."  
(Romans 1:18 ESV)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_."

## GOING DEEPER

**Getting to know me.**

Were you good at math when you were a kid?

**Getting into the Bible.**

Before you read the Bible, please take a moment to pray, asking God to lead you into all truth.

- 1) Read Luke 20:1-19.
- 2) Read Romans 1:16-32.
- 3) Read John 3:16-21.

**Getting real.**

Has God spoken to you as you read the Bible? Has the Holy Spirit "pressed in" on you in some way? Can you share this so others can pray for you?

**TUE / MAR 3** **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 4** **Church on Wednesday**  
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

**The Wurttemberg Home Group**  
7:30pm @ 111 Wurttemberg St.

**Jericho Road Coffeehouse**  
7:00pm @ St. Paul's United / 473 Cumberland St.  
Food prep and volunteers needed.  
Email [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) to get involved!

**THU / MAR 5** **Church on Thursday**  
5:00pm @ Algonquin  
Visit [churchonthursday.ca](http://churchonthursday.ca) for details.

**Old Ottawa South Home Group**  
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

**FRI / MAR 6** **Revive Youth!**  
7:00pm @ Ecole Sainte-Anne / 340 York St.

**FRI / MAR 6** **Against Critical Thinking by Dr. RR Reno**  
Weston Lecture (Augustine College)  
7:30pm @ Saint Paul University Auditorium  
223 Main Street

In this free public lecture, Dr. Reno will argue that the life of the mind is based on our capacity to know and affirm truth.

**SUN / MAR 8** **Daylight Savings Time starts (spring forward)**  
**Early Service**

9:00am @ Ottawa Little Theatre

The regular 10:00am Service will take place at 9:00am on Sunday, March 8.

**2014 TAX RECEIPTS**

If you did not pick-up your 2014 Contribution Statement last Sunday, you will receive it by mail. Please contact Amy at 613.235.0596 or [amy@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:amy@messiahchurch.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.