Reading Guide

The Bible is God's Word and a light unto our feet. He provides the Bible so that we can more clearly know Him and see Him clearly. The reading guide below is not the traditional way of reading the Scriptures. It puts the events in chronological order and allows you to see correlations between the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). In terms of deep study – this is not a recommended way of reading (you lose the context of the writing). At the same time, it does allow an easy-to-follow and connected message from the various points of view.

The reading guide starts with Jesus' baptism, which is prior to his first miracle. If you go through the 'Pre-Reading', it will provide background information for this weeks sermon. Then, if you read the current weeks reading, it will prepare you for the message on Sunday. You will see what Jesus has been up to and what has happened in His ministry. Enjoy God's Word. I pray that you see Him more clearly as you read His Holy Word.

Pre-Reading (catch up to where the message was on Sunday, May 31st)

The Baptism of Jesus (AD (26/28)
Mark 1:9-11 Matthew 3:13-17 Luke 3:21-22
The Temptation of Jesus
Mark 1:12-13 Matthew 4:1-11 Luke 4:1-15
The Testimony of John the Baptist
John 1:19-28
Jesus, the Lamb of God
John 1:29-34
The First Disciples
John 1:35-51
The Wedding at Cana (Sermon – May 31st)
John 1:1-12

June 1st to June 6th (Monday to Saturday)

Jesus Clears the Temple
John 2:13-25
Jesus and Nicodemus
John 3:1-22
John the Baptist Exalts Jesus
John 3:23-36
Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
John 4:1-38
Many Samaritans Believe
John 4:39-45
John is Imprisoned
Luke 3:19-20
The Ministry of Jesus Begins
Mark 1:14-15 Matthew 4:12-17 Luke 3:23a

June 7th Sunday Sermon

Jesus Heals an Official's Son
John 4:46-54

Dig Deeper

The Gospel of John writes to both the Gentiles (us) and the Jews. His primary purpose of writing is clearly stated in John 20:30-31:

"Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it." – The Message

Try to prayerfully answer one question set a day:

- When you close your eyes and think of Jesus – describe your feels toward Him.

- In what ways has the world view and message about Jesus clouded your vision of His glory?

- As you begin to see Jesus more clearly, what do you think will happen in your life?

- The disciples saw Jesus glorified through the performing of His first miracle. In seeing, their faith was strengthened. Are you waiting to see to believe? What struggles do you have with not seeing? How can you overcome these struggles?

- John, in Chapter 14 verse 12 writes Jesus' words, telling us we can do even greater works than Jesus did. What are your thoughts about *that?*