

Study the New Testament in Thirteen Weeks
Bible Reading Summary
Week 1, Day 3, Wednesday, Matthew 8-12

Chapter 8. When Jesus cleansed a leper, He told him to go show the priest as the Law required. Jesus healed the servant of a Centurion from a distance at his request, so Jesus commended his great faith and healed his servant. Jesus cast out demons with a word and healed many. He calmed the wind and sea in a storm with a word.

Chapter 9. Jesus forgave the sins of a paralytic and healed him, which disturbed the Pharisees. Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners, which also disturbed the religious leaders. Jesus and His disciples did not fast because He was with them; the disciples would fast later. Jesus raised a girl from the dead, healed two blind men, and cast a demon out of a mute man who then spoke. Jesus told His followers to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers.

Chapter 10. The Twelve Apostles are named, given power, and sent out on mission. He sent them out as sheep among wolves and told them to be wise. Jesus foretold persecution of His followers and warned: “the one who endures to the end will be saved” (vs. 22). God cares for us. Do not fear or be anxious. Love Jesus more than you love all others.

Chapter 11. From prison, John sent his disciples to confirm that Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus referred them to His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Jesus said that John was more than a prophet, but the least in the kingdom of heaven are greater than John, who was the Elijah who was to come. Jesus pronounced woe on unbelieving cities. His yoke is easy.

Chapter 12. Jesus said He is Lord of the Sabbath. He healed a man’s hand on the Sabbath and the Pharisees began to conspire to destroy Him. Sin against the Holy Spirit is described. You will know people by their fruits. His family are those who do the will of God.

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