

# **STORYLINE**

## **THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

**April 2026**

**God's Word and the Final Journey: Psalms to Resurrection**

April transitions from the Psalter through Wisdom literature as we approach the climax of Luke's Gospel. We move from the worship and reflection of Psalms, through practical wisdom in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, while witnessing Jesus' final week, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial. By month's end, we're positioned for the resurrection—history's turning point.

## Day 1: Redemption Songs and Sending the Twelve

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 108-109

**New Testament:** Luke 9:1-17

**Psalm:** Psalm 81

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What confidence does the psalmist express in Psalm 108 despite trouble? What authority and provision does Jesus give the Twelve to heal and cast out demons?

**Interpret:** How does God's steadfast love (*hesed*) described in Psalm 108:4 relate to Jesus sending His disciples with power and authority? What does this reveal about God's mission?

**Apply:** In what area of your life do you need to trust God's steadfast love? How is Jesus calling you to participate in His mission?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 108:1-5 with Matthew 28:18-20. Confidence in God's power over all creation undergirds the Great Commission. Jesus delegates His authority to His followers.

## Day 2: Betrayal Songs and Herod's Confusion

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 110-111

**New Testament:** Luke 9:18-36

**Psalm:** Psalm 82

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Psalm 110 reveal about the Messiah's victory and intercession? What identity does Jesus declare for Himself, and why does this confuse Herod?

**Interpret:** Why does the psalmist place the Messiah at God's right hand? What does Jesus' question to Peter about His identity reveal about the nature of faith?

**Apply:** Who do you say Jesus is? How does that confession shape your allegiance and priorities?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 110:1 with Hebrews 10:12-13. Jesus fulfilled the promise of Messiah at God's right hand. The question of Jesus' identity remains the central question of faith.

## Day 3: Praise and the Cost of Discipleship

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 112-113

**New Testament:** Luke 9:37-62

**Psalm:** Psalm 83

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What characterizes the righteous person in Psalm 112? What does Jesus say about the cost of following Him and the danger of looking back?

**Interpret:** How does the blessed person described in Psalm 112 reflect trust in God rather than security in wealth? What does self-denial mean in Jesus' teaching?

**Apply:** What would it mean for you to take up your cross and follow Jesus? What comfort is there in knowing God sees the righteous?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 112:7-8 with Luke 9:62. Trust in God's care frees us to radical commitment. Looking back prevents us from entering the kingdom.

## Day 4: Praise for God's Salvation and Return of the Seventy

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 114-115

**New Testament:** Luke 10:1-24

**Psalm:** Psalm 84

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Psalm 114-115 celebrate God's deliverance and challenge idolatry? What does Jesus commission the Seventy to do, and why does He rejoice at their report?

**Interpret:** What does the personification of creation in Psalm 114 suggest about God's power? Why does Jesus emphasize seeing demons fall and the centrality of God's name?

**Apply:** Where do you need to celebrate God's redemptive power in your life? What brings you joy in serving Jesus?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 115:3 with Luke 10:20. God is sovereign over all and worthy of worship. True rejoicing centers on our names being written in heaven, not on supernatural power.

## Day 5: Thanksgiving and Love of Neighbor

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 116-117

**New Testament:** Luke 10:25-42

**Psalm:** Psalm 85

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does the psalmist do in response to God's deliverance (Psalm 116)? How does Jesus redefine "neighbor" in the parable of the Good Samaritan, and what does Mary choosing Jesus teach?

**Interpret:** Why does gratitude and public praise matter? How does the parable challenge cultural and religious boundaries about who deserves love and care?

**Apply:** How are you responding to God's deliverance in your life? Who is your "neighbor" that you might be avoiding?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 116:12-14 with Luke 10:27. Gratitude leads to service and obedience. Jesus teaches that love of God and neighbor cannot be separated.

## Day 6: Praise from All Nations and Prayer Answered

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 118-119:1-88

**New Testament:** Luke 11:1-28

**Psalm:** Psalm 86

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Psalm 118 celebrate, and why is it significant to Israel's story? How does Jesus teach His disciples to pray, and what does He promise about persistence?

**Interpret:** Why do you think Psalm 118:22-23 refers to the rejected stone? What does Jesus teach about asking, seeking, and knocking in prayer?

**Apply:** How does the promised answer to persistent prayer reshape your prayer life? What needs to change in how you approach God?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 118:22 with 1 Peter 2:7. Jesus is the rejected stone who became the cornerstone. Prayer reflects dependence on this cornerstone.

## Day 7: Meditation on God's Word and Hypocrisy Exposed

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 119:89-176

**New Testament:** Luke 11:29-54

**Psalm:** Psalm 87

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the psalmist's attitude toward God's Word throughout Psalm 119? What does Jesus condemn about the Pharisees and lawyers, and what does He promise the persecuted?

**Interpret:** Why is meditation on God's Word essential for obedience and guidance? Why does Jesus connect outward purity with inward decay in His critique?

**Apply:** How do you approach God's Word? Where might Jesus see a disconnect between your external life and internal reality?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 119:105 with John 8:12. God's Word is a lamp to guide obedience. Jesus is the light of the world who calls for alignment of heart and conduct.

## Day 8: Songs of Ascent - Trust and Watchfulness

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 120-124

**New Testament:** Luke 12:1-21

**Psalm:** Psalm 88

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the pilgrim's experience and confidence in these "Songs of Ascent"? What warning does Jesus give about hypocrisy, and what is His teaching on worry and greed?

**Interpret:** How do these psalms reflect trust amid danger and displacement? What does Jesus' teaching about the rich fool reveal about the danger of storing up treasures on earth?

**Apply:** Are you on a spiritual pilgrimage toward God? What treasures are you storing up, and are they eternal or temporal?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 121:4 with Luke 12:6-7. The pilgrim's God never sleeps or slumbers; Jesus assures His disciples that their Father knows their value.

## Day 9: Songs of Ascent - Community and Prayer

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 125-129

**New Testament:** Luke 12:22-48

**Psalm:** Psalm 89

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How do these psalms celebrate community and God's protection? What does Jesus teach about food, clothing, anxiety, and readiness for His return?

**Interpret:** What does the image of Mount Zion and Jerusalem represent for God's people? How does Jesus' teaching about seeking the kingdom reshape priorities?

**Apply:** Where are you anxious about provision? How does trusting God's kingdom reshape your daily concerns?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 125:1-2 with Luke 12:31. God surrounds His people like mountains around Jerusalem; trusting His kingdom transforms anxiety into peace.

## Day 10: Songs of Ascent - Hope and Help from God

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 130-134

**New Testament:** Luke 12:49-59

**Psalm:** Psalm 90

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the psalmist's deepest longing and confidence in these final Songs of Ascent? Why does Jesus speak of division and judgment before peace?

**Interpret:** How does the cry "from the depths" reflect both desperation and hope? Why must Jesus bring fire and division before His work of peace is complete?

**Apply:** Where are you crying out to God? How do you reconcile Jesus' mission of peace with His warning about division?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 130:5-6 with Luke 12:54-56. The psalmist waits for redemption; Jesus calls for discernment about the present time and coming judgment.

## Day 11: Praise and Celebration with Repentance

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 135-136

**New Testament:** Luke 13:1-21

**Psalm:** Psalm 91

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the pattern of praise in Psalm 135-136, and why is remembering God's acts important? What does Jesus teach about tragedy, repentance, and the kingdom's growth?

**Interpret:** How does remembering God's redemptive history build faith for the future? Why does Jesus use the parable of the mustard seed and yeast to describe kingdom growth?

**Apply:** How do you remember God's work in your history? Where are you missing the kingdom's subtle growth in your life?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 136:1 with Matthew 6:10. Praise arises from remembering God's steadfast love; Jesus teaches us to align our will with God's coming kingdom.

## Day 12: Lament and the Narrow Door

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 137-139

**New Testament:** Luke 13:22-35

**Psalm:** Psalm 92

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the setting of Psalm 137, and why is lament sometimes necessary? Why does Jesus speak of the narrow door, and what does He lament about Jerusalem?

**Interpret:** How does honest lament honor God even in loss? Why does the narrow door lead to salvation, and what prevents many from entering?

**Apply:** Are you allowed to lament losses and injustices? How are you responding to Jesus' call to enter through the narrow door?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 139:7-10 with Luke 13:34. God's presence reaches even into exile and sorrow; Jesus grieves over Jerusalem's rejection of His gathering love.

## Day 13: God's Eternal Knowledge and Humility

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 140-142

**New Testament:** Luke 14:1-24

**Psalm:** Psalm 93

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does the psalmist ask God to know about him (Psalm 139)? What does Jesus teach about pride, humility, and the nature of His kingdom banquet?

**Interpret:** How does God's complete knowledge bring both comfort and accountability? Why does Jesus insist that those who exalt themselves will be humbled?

**Apply:** How does knowing God sees everything affect your daily choices? Where are you in danger of exalting yourself?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 139:1-3 with Luke 14:11. God's omniscience sees both what we do and our motives; Jesus teaches that humility, not self-promotion, brings exaltation.

## Day 14: Urgent Prayer and Cost of Discipleship

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 143-145

**New Testament:** Luke 14:25-35

**Psalm:** Psalm 94

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does the psalmist's urgent prayer reveal about his condition and need? What does Jesus say about hating family and carrying the cross?

**Interpret:** Why does the psalmist make bold requests and express his inner conflict? Why does Jesus use the language of "hating" family to describe commitment to Him?

**Apply:** What urgent prayers do you need to bring before God? What would it mean to truly count the cost of following Jesus?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 143:10 with Luke 14:27. The psalmist asks God to teach him obedience; Jesus demands radical commitment and willingness to die to self.

## Day 15: Praise and God's Compassion for the Outcasts

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalm 146-150

**New Testament:** Luke 15:1-32

**Psalm:** Psalm 95

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the final movement of the Psalter—from despair to pure praise? How does Jesus respond to criticism about eating with sinners, and what do the three parables teach?

**Interpret:** Why is the conclusion of the Psalms dominated by pure praise? What does the parable of the lost son reveal about God's character and celebration?

**Apply:** What moves you from lament to praise? Do you identify with the lost son or the elder brother?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 150:4 with Luke 15:22-24. The Psalter ends in celebration; Jesus' parable shows that God celebrates the return of the lost with extravagant joy.

## Day 16: Wisdom and Shrewd Faith

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 1-3

**New Testament:** Luke 16:1-31

**Psalm:** Psalm 96

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the foundation of wisdom in Proverbs? How does Jesus teach about using wealth wisely and caring for the poor through the parable of the shrewd manager?

**Interpret:** Why does Proverbs emphasize "the fear of the Lord"? What does Jesus mean by telling His disciples to "make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth"?

**Apply:** Do you fear/reverence the Lord? How are you using resources to establish eternal friendships?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 1:7 with Luke 16:15. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; Jesus teaches that true wealth is measured by God's kingdom, not human approval.

## Day 17: Wisdom for Life and Warning Against Greed

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 4-6

**New Testament:** Luke 17:1-19

**Psalm:** Psalm 97

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What guidance does the father offer his son in Proverbs? What does Jesus teach about faith, duty, gratitude, and the nature of His kingdom?

**Interpret:** Why does Proverbs warn against the dangers of adultery and laziness? How does Jesus' teaching that faith small as a grain of mustard seed can move mountains redefine kingdom power?

**Apply:** Which warnings from Proverbs apply to your life right now? How is your faith being tested to believe for impossibilities?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 5:3-5 with 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Wisdom literature warns of temptation's sweetness and danger; Jesus emphasizes faith as the means of kingdom power.

## Day 18: Wealth and Virtue, Justice and Faith

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 7-9

**New Testament:** Luke 17:20-37

**Psalm:** Psalm 98

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Proverbs personify Wisdom as a woman calling and inviting? What does Jesus teach about the day of His coming and Lot's wife?

**Interpret:** What is the contrast between Wisdom's invitation and Folly's deception? Why does Jesus warn that sudden judgment will distinguish between those prepared and unprepared?

**Apply:** Are you answering Wisdom's call? How are you living in readiness for Jesus' return?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 8:11 with Matthew 13:44. Wisdom is more precious than jewels; Jesus teaches that the kingdom is worth abandoning everything.

## Day 19: Righteousness and the Coming King

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 10-12

**New Testament:** Luke 18:1-30

**Psalm:** Psalm 99

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the repeated contrast between the righteous and the wicked in these proverbs? What does Jesus teach through the parable of the unjust judge and the tax collector?

**Interpret:** How does Proverbs measure life—in material prosperity or spiritual reality? Why does Jesus insist on persistent prayer and humility before God?

**Apply:** Are you living for the approval of God or the world's definition of success? How persistent is your prayer life?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 10:6-7 with Luke 18:14. The righteous are blessed; Jesus teaches that humility before God leads to exaltation.

## Day 20: Wisdom and Discipleship

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 13-15

**New Testament:** Luke 18:31-43

**Psalm:** Psalm 100

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Proverbs teach about guarding your heart, speech, and relationships? What does Jesus teach about His approaching suffering, and what does blind Bartimaeus teach about faith?

**Interpret:** Why is the heart's condition central to all of life? Why does Jesus speak plainly about His crucifixion, and why does Bartimaeus' simple faith bring healing?

**Apply:** Are you guarding your heart above all else? How does your faith respond when Jesus calls?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 14:34 with Luke 18:41-42. Righteousness exalts a nation; Jesus heals those who recognize their need and cry out in faith.

## Day 21: Speech and Salvation of the Lost

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 16-18

**New Testament:** Luke 19:1-27

**Psalm:** Psalm 101

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Proverbs teach about the power of words and the danger of pride? How does Jesus engage with Zacchaeus, and what does the parable of the minas teach?

**Interpret:** Why do Proverbs connect speech with spiritual reality? How does Jesus' mission to seek and save the lost transform Zacchaeus, and what does stewardship reveal about character?

**Apply:** How do your words reflect your heart's condition? Are you aware of Jesus' mission to find the lost?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 16:23 with Luke 19:10. The wise person's heart guides their speech; Jesus' mission is to seek and save the lost.

## Day 22: Wisdom and the Cleansing of the Temple

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 19-21

**New Testament:** Luke 19:28-48

**Psalm:** Psalm 102

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Proverbs teach about responding to the poor and the importance of self-control? Why does Jesus cleanse the temple, and what does His authority challenge?

**Interpret:** How does caring for the poor reflect fear of the Lord? Why does Jesus' righteous anger at the temple reveal His concern for true worship and justice?

**Apply:** How are you responding to the needs of the poor? Where do you see Jesus challenging corruption and calling for righteousness?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 21:13 with Luke 19:46. Closing your ears to the poor brings judgment; Jesus demands that the temple be a house of prayer, not exploitation.

## Day 23: Folly and Authority Questioned

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 22-24

**New Testament:** Luke 20:1-26

**Psalm:** Psalm 103

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What warnings does Proverbs give about foolishness and laziness? How do the religious leaders challenge Jesus' authority, and how does He expose their hypocrisy?

**Interpret:** Why does Proverbs warn against dealing with fools? How does Jesus' response to questions about authority and taxes reveal the distinction between God's kingdom and earthly power?

**Apply:** Are you gaining wisdom or foolishness? Where might Jesus be challenging your divided allegiances?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 22:3 with Luke 20:19-20. The prudent foresee danger and take refuge; Jesus exposes those plotting against Him while calling for allegiance to God alone.

## Day 24: More Wisdom and Resurrection Hope

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 25-27

**New Testament:** Luke 20:27-47

**Psalm:** Psalm 104

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What practical wisdom does Proverbs offer for handling relationships and reputation? How does Jesus respond to the Sadducees about resurrection, and what does He teach about the scribes?

**Interpret:** Why does Proverbs emphasize discretion and thoughtfulness in relationships? What does Jesus' teaching on resurrection reveal about His understanding of divine power and eternity?

**Apply:** How are you cultivating wisdom in your relationships? Do you truly believe in resurrection and eternal life?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 27:12 with Luke 20:38. The prudent person takes refuge; Jesus teaches that God is God of the living, not the dead—resurrection is real.

## Day 25: Integrity and the Widow's Offering

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 28-30

**New Testament:** Luke 21:1-24

**Psalm:** Psalm 105

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Proverbs teach about righteousness, honesty, and humility? What does Jesus observe about the widow's offering and the judgment of the temple?

**Interpret:** Why does Proverbs connect integrity with God's blessing? What does Jesus' attention to the widow's small gift reveal about His values versus the world's?

**Apply:** Are you living with integrity even when no one is watching? What does true generosity look like in your life?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 28:6 with Luke 21:2-4. Better to be poor and walk in integrity than rich and dishonest; Jesus measures generosity not by amount but by sacrifice.

## Day 26: The Righteous Woman and the End Times

### READ

**Old Testament:** Proverbs 31

**New Testament:** Luke 21:25-38

**Psalm:** Psalm 106

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What virtues characterize the woman of noble character in Proverbs 31? What does Jesus teach about His coming, watchfulness, and the end of all things?

**Interpret:** Why does Proverbs end with a portrait of excellence and fear of the Lord? How does Jesus' teaching about vigilance apply to His disciples in every generation?

**Apply:** Are you developing the virtues that Proverbs celebrates? How are you living in light of Jesus' coming?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Proverbs 31:30 with Matthew 24:35. Charm is deceptive and beauty fades; Jesus teaches that His words will not pass away—they endure eternally.

## Day 27: Meaning and the Last Supper

### READ

**Old Testament:** Ecclesiastes 1-3

**New Testament:** Luke 22:1-38

**Psalm:** Psalm 107

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the Preacher's struggle with the meaninglessness of life? How does Jesus prepare for His death with His disciples, and what does He institute in the Last Supper?

**Interpret:** Why does Ecclesiastes begin by questioning whether anything has meaning? What does Jesus' sacrifice accomplish, and why does He give us this meal to remember?

**Apply:** Where do you struggle with meaninglessness? How does Jesus' sacrifice and this meal ground your life in eternal purpose?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 3:11 with Luke 22:19. God has set eternity in human hearts; Jesus commands us to remember His body broken and blood shed for our redemption.

## Day 28: Vanity Under the Sun and Betrayal

### READ

**Old Testament:** Ecclesiastes 4-6

**New Testament:** Luke 22:39-65

**Psalm:** Psalm 108

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does the Preacher observe about work, wealth, and ambition? How does Jesus face betrayal, arrest, and interrogation with peace?

**Interpret:** Why does the Preacher conclude that human achievement is vanity? What does Jesus' calm endurance through unjust treatment reveal about trust in His Father?

**Apply:** Are you pursuing things that will ultimately prove meaningless? How does Jesus' example of endurance call you?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 4:4 with Luke 22:42. Labor and ambition amount to striving after wind; Jesus' ultimate purpose was to accomplish redemption through obedience to the Father.

## Day 29: Wisdom About Life and Death Approaching

### READ

**Old Testament:** Ecclesiastes 7-9

**New Testament:** Luke 22:66-23:25

**Psalm:** Psalm 109

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does the Preacher say about death, judgment, and finding joy? How is Jesus condemned to death by both religious and civil authorities?

**Interpret:** Why does Ecclesiastes acknowledge death as humanity's ultimate destination? What does Jesus' unjust condemnation reveal about the brokenness of earthly justice?

**Apply:** How does remembering death shape your priorities? Do you recognize your need for Jesus' righteous judgment?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 9:5 with 1 Corinthians 15:57. In this life the dead know nothing; Jesus defeated death through resurrection, making His judgment just.

## Day 30: Life's Meaning and Resurrection Glory

### READ

**Old Testament:** Ecclesiastes 10-12

**New Testament:** Luke 23:26-56

**Psalm:** Psalm 110

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the Preacher's final conclusion about life's meaning and how to live? How does Luke describe Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial?

**Interpret:** Why does the Preacher conclude with "Fear God and keep His commandments"? Why is Jesus' death presented as a fulfillment of purpose despite its horror?

**Apply:** Will you embrace God's kingdom and purpose? How does Jesus' redemptive death shape your life trajectory?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 12:13 with Luke 23:46. Fearing God and keeping His commandments gives life meaning; Jesus' death and resurrection redeem all of human history and give eternal meaning.